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Volskay resigns; Griffin steps up

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Citing family health crises as the main reason, Dr. J. Truman Volskay, psychology department head, is resigning that post at the end of the summer session.

Volskay is stepping down as department head because the health crises—his own and his daughter's—have caused considerable stress.

"The idea is to reduce the load, tension, and stress that I am under now," Volskay said. "Giving up the department head's job is one big load of stress that I can remove without hurting the College at all, because Dr. [Betsy] Griffin, or any of the others in the department, could become department head and do quite as well as I have done."

"I intend to just go on teaching a full load of courses in the psychology department," added Volskay, who took over as department head during the 1981-82 year.

While the department has grown in terms of majors the past 10 years, he does not take credit for that alone.

"I don't know if that is due to my leadership," Volskay said. "It's just due to the way the psychology department faculty works as a whole, and maybe just because the College has grown as a whole."

However, Volskay does have one accomplishment of which he is particularly proud.

"In '80, '81, '82, there was considerable tension between some individuals in the building and to some degree between the two departments (education and psychology)," Volskay said. "Today those tensions are gone. I believe I played an important part in reducing them in the way I conducted the department head's position and worked



Truman Volskay



Betsy Griffin

with the education department."

Dr. Betsy Griffin, associate professor of psychology, has been named the new department head. Griffin, who came to Southern in 1978, says her selection was a group decision made by departmental faculty.

"As we discussed that in the department, there were a number of people who could have become head," she said. "It was sort of general agreement that I should become department head next."

Griffin does not expect to make many changes after she takes over, since the department is one which she says works well as a group.

"We do all of our decision making by consensus, so I would expect that to continue," she said.

Griffin said she will work closely with both the administration and the department faculty members.

"The department head acts as a facilitator, or a boundary-role person between the department and the administration," she said, "helping to communicate what the department wants to the administration, and what the administration wants to the department."

Griffin does not expect many problems to occur after she becomes department head.

"I have an easy department to deal with," she said. "Everybody in this department gets along well in respect with others professionally."

INTO THE ACT



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Former student Terry Doss dances as Frankfurter while watching *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* Tuesday night at the biology pond.

Fee structure under scrutiny

Swenson calls
current set-up
'quite functional'

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The president of the Campus Activities Board says a Student Senate proposal that would reduce the CAB's claim on student fees represents a lack of "perspective."

At last week's meeting, a proposal by Senate vice president Karen Taylor was approved that would reduce the CAB's slice of student activities by 4 percent. The proposal calls for a boost in the Senate's budget of 5 percent.

"I think this shows that there are some people on the Senate who don't have much perspective on what the Campus Activities Board does for this campus," said David Swenson, president of CAB. "There are some people who overestimate the power of the Senate and its ability. They are blindsided if they don't see the number of students we're affecting."

"I think the way the percentages are now is quite functional."

Swenson, also a member of the Senate, was one of several senators to vote against the measure. It will now go to College President Julio Leon for consideration.

Currently, the CAB receives 64 percent of student activity fees, while the Senate gets 20 percent. Sixteen percent go to the campus picnic.

Under the proposal, the CAB would get 60 percent, the Senate 25 percent, and the campus picnic 15 percent.

Even if Leon approves the proposal, the new percentages probably

would not go into effect until 1993, because the College already is budgeted through fiscal year 1992, according to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services.

Each semester, students pay an additional \$10-\$20 activities fee depending on part- or full-time status. The fee is divided between the CAB, the Senate, and the picnic. The current division of percentages was approved in 1988 by the College's Board of Regents.

Dolence hinted Tuesday that more importance should be placed on the CAB's efforts to fund campus events.

"I would like to think that funding co-curricular activities would be more important than funding some of the traveling expenses that the Senate does," said Dolence, who pointed to the Senate's common practice of allocating money to clubs and organizations which attend state and national conventions.

Taylor's original proposal called for less money for the cookout, 10 percent, and 10 percent more for the Senate. Though that idea later was amended, Taylor was glad that at least something was done on the issue.

"I'm glad we approved something, but still that's not enough," she said. "We're in a recession. I thought we're supposed to be frugal."

Taylor said the percentage devoted to the cookout—16 percent—is disproportionate to what the Senate is given.

"Twenty percent for the Student Senate is too small when you think that the cookout, a one-day, three-hour event, gets 16 percent," she said.

"Though I don't think it's their intention, it gives the appearance that a free hot dog is more important than attending an academic conference."

Smoking policy received positively

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

During last week's Student Senate meeting, senators recommended that Missouri Southern implement a campus-wide no-smoking policy.

It's a policy that has been well received by students and faculty alike, say College officials.

The recommendation, which the Student Senate passed on to the Faculty Senate, calls for smoking to be prohibited in lobbies, classrooms, hallways, faculty offices, administrative offices, and residence halls.

Smoking would, however, be permitted in four areas—designated rooms in the residence halls, the

Green Room in the fine arts building, a designated room in Billingsly Student Center, and a section of the industrial arts room in Matthews Hall.

Tammy Eby, sophomore accounting major and one smoker who attended last week's Student Senate judicial committee meeting, said she believes the recommendation which the Student Senate proposed will work out for all sides.

However, one problem she sees with the recommendation is the segment banning faculty from smoking in their offices.

"The only reason I think that it might not [pass] is that the faculty members also smoke, and if this proposal is going to limit where they can

smoke also, then I think it needs to add on there that this is for student smokers," Eby said. "Then it would have a better chance to pass."

Bruce Kelley, Faculty Senate president, said he was not sure if faculty members would be affected by the proposed ban.

"That remains to be seen," Kelley said. "I'm sure there will be some concern in the Senate about that."

However, according to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, the proposed smoking policy does include faculty members.

"Students sometime or another have to go to faculty offices," he said. "So it wouldn't be fair to say that a student can't smoke but a faculty member can."

Kelley said his main concern is that all of the issues pertaining to the smoking issue receive adequate discussion and that the faculty have enough time to make their decision.

"The only concern that I would have is that the [Faculty] Senate would make a hasty decision without due deliberation," he said.

Kelley said the recommended proposal will be placed on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

Pat Hill, senior business major who originated the non-smoking petitions earlier this semester, said she appreciated the action which the College has taken so far.

"I feel it is a step forward," Hill said. "I appreciate the fact that the administration, or whoever is doing

it, has taken a stand on it and they are going to do it before laws come down that force them to do it. I think it's sad when we wait for a law to take care of our own health."

Since smoking has been moved from the first-floor lounge in Matthews Hall to the third-floor stairwell, many non-smoking students have returned to use the lounge again.

Mike Gray, junior accounting major, said since the smokers have moved to the third floor there have been fewer people in the lounge and the noise level has been reduced. It has been easier to use the lounge to study, since it is the only accessible area in Matthews Hall for such a purpose, he said.

A LONG JOB AHEAD



CHRIS COX/The Chart

A construction worker with DeWitt and Associates pounds in nails on the first phase of development on the Webster Communications and Social Science Building. Groundbreaking was held on March 8.

Still no leads on Barn Theatre fire

Five-month inquiry
yields minor traces
for city inspectors

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Five months into the investigation, there still are no leads indicating who burned down the Barn Theatre.

The 63-year-old structure went up in flames in the early morning hours of Nov. 22. Officials determined the fire to have been intentionally set. Traces of gasoline were discovered around the stage as were fresh pry marks on the west upstairs door to the theatre.

According to Detective Sgt. Terry Foulks of the Joplin Police Department, investigators have followed leads and conducted questioning, to no avail.

"We've run down all the people who were there (the scene of the fire) and right now we're just at a dead end," he said.

According to E.W. Goddard, city fire inspector, arson cases are much more difficult to solve than other criminal cases. He said they are usually perpetrated by one person,

and any evidence most likely is destroyed in the act.

"Probably one out of every 20 is solved," Goddard said. "Arson is unusual in the fact that it is the one time convictions take place on circumstantial evidence as opposed to direct evidence."

Basing cases on circumstantial evidence becomes difficult in court as prosecutors must prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the accused is guilty.

Many people do not realize the

just now in its infant stages.

"Now law enforcement is beginning to wake up to the fact that arson is a crime, and the public as a whole is just now starting to become aware."

Bill Boyer, chief of security at Southern, said the lack of evidence in the case is disappointing.

"It's unfortunate the case hasn't proceeded like we wanted," he said. "The trail grows colder the longer it goes on."

However, Foulks thinks there still

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—Bill Boyer, Southern's chief of security

magnitude of arson, according to Goddard.

"Arson affects the entire community," he said. "It affects insurance rates, which everybody pays for. If an apartment building burns down, people are homeless, and if a business burns down, people are out of jobs. If you have a real high arson rate it affects community growth."

Goddard said arson awareness is

is a chance of solving the case.

"It could be one week from now, one month from now, or even six months from now," Foulks said. "My 18 years of experience here tells me that someone talks eventually."

A \$5,000 reward still is in effect through the Missouri Arson Hotline for individuals with information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for the fire.

Clark wins top honor

Newspaper captures sweepstakes award

Christopher Clark was named Missouri College Journalist of the Year, and T.R. Hanrahan was elected Missouri College Newspaper Association president at the annual MCNA convention Saturday in St. Louis.

The Chart won 21 awards, including Best Overall Newspaper in Class 3A, to capture the MCNA's sweepstakes trophy. The Chart finished with 53 points (three points for a first-place award, two points for second, one point for third) in the competition, followed by Longview Community College (44 points) and Missouri-Columbia (43 points).

Clark, editor-in-chief, was named Journalist of the Year in competition with eight other student editors. Candidates submitted samples of their work and letters of recommendation, and were interviewed Friday night by a selection committee.

"The seconds before they announced my name might as well have been hours," Clark said. "It was a complete surprise. After they announced it, I was in a daze. For about 10 minutes I didn't have a clue."

Clark becomes the fifth Missouri Southern student to win the honor, preceded by Mark Ernstmann, 1988; Clark Swanson, 1979; Liz DeMerice, 1977; and Tim Dry, 1976.

Hanrahan, Chart associate editor, was elected MCNA president in a 7-4 vote of member schools. He defeated Linda Tsai of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Hanrahan, who served as 1989-90 MCNA president while a student at Longview Community College, becomes the first person to ever hold the position twice. His duties include publishing a monthly MCNA newsletter, handling the organization's budget, running the fall business meeting, and coordinating the 1992 convention to be held at Southern.

"I am quite honored to be selected twice in three years," Hanrahan said. "It really hasn't hit me yet. But hosting a two-day convention next spring will take a major effort."

The Chart picked up 13 first-place awards, six second-place awards, and two third-place awards in winning the sweepstakes trophy. The Chart competed in Class 3A, which also consisted of Southeast Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Washington University, and Webster University.

In competition for Best Overall Newspaper The Chart finished first, followed by Webster University and SEMO. Other first-place winners were: Longview, Class 1A; Stephens College, Class 2A; and the University of Missouri-Columbia, Class 4A.

Individual first-place awards went to the following members of The Chart staff: Stephen Moore, news-writing; Anastasia Umland, sports writing; Clark and Steve Sakach, investigative reporting; Jimmy Sexton, news photography; Chris Cox, feature photography; Mark Ancell, photo page; Scott Clark, political/editorial cartoon; and Sakach, information graphics.

The Chart staff received first-place awards for special supplement, best page one design, best editorial page, and best sports page.

Second-place awards were won by Clark, editorial writing; Clark and Sakach, in-depth news reporting; Angie Stevenson, entertainment review; Moore, regular column; Cox, feature photography; and Sakach, information graphics.

Third-place awards were won by Ancell, sports photography; and The Chart, special supplement.

The Chart previously won the traveling sweepstakes trophy in 1989, 1984, and 1982. The University of Missouri also has won it four times.

WISHFUL THINKING



Kenny Scoggins, junior computer science major, wishes he could "jump around and have fun" during airball competitions Tuesday.

Deadline tomorrow for Senate petitions

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Persons seeking Student Senate executive offices have until 5 p.m. tomorrow to file petitions with the student services office.

Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, said once candidates obtain the required number of signatures their credit hours are verified. Names then are placed on the ballots in the order they are received.

A candidate must be enrolled as a full-time student, have a grade-point average of 2.5 or better, and be completing at least 60 hours at the time of election, with 29 of those hours coming from Southern.

"One new thing this year is a change in the constitution that was made last year," Carnahan said. "Any candidate running for president must have served at least one full semester on the Senate."

According to Carnahan, the Senate is holding extra election days to enable more students to vote.

"The Student Senate expressed interest in trying to find a way where we could get more people to vote," he said.

However, Carnahan does not expect the extra days to attract many additional voters.

"I think we will get a few more people to vote," he said. "But I don't expect big numbers."

The primary elections will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18-19 in the Billingsly Student Center stairwell, and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 18 in the student services office.

The general election will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24-25 in the BSC stairwell, and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 24 in the student services office.

The president presides over meetings, attends all of the Board of Regents meetings, represents the Senate at the Prexy Club meetings, and meets regularly with the College president.

The vice president takes charge of the Senate in the absence of the president and presides over the Senate judicial committee.

The secretary records all business transactions which occur during the meetings.

The treasurer records all financial transactions and reports financial totals to the Senate during meetings.

Foreign language field day set for April 23

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

More than 500 high school students will scatter the Missouri Southern campus for foreign language field day on Tuesday, April 23.

The record turnout for the event may be due to a lack of such offerings in southwest Missouri as well as part of the College's emphasis on its

international mission.

"I foresee it will be even larger in the future," said Dr. Harold Bodon, professor of German and French. "We will have to do something to handle the influx of all the students. There's been a lot of interest in it, and we really haven't had to push it like in the past."

Last year the event was cancelled because of difficulties in the planning process, according to Bodon. How-

ever, Southern now may look to keep this an annual event.

"We hope to re-establish it as a yearly event," said Lisa Crawford, instructor of Spanish and French. "My understanding is it's going to be a new goal for the College."

Crawford said the day will boast several contests, which will be held in Taylor Auditorium and any other areas they can find unoccupied.

The theme for the day, "Learning

a Foreign Language Can Make a World of Difference," will be echoed throughout the campus with events such as poetry recitals, vocabulary bees, skits, culture bowl, and poster drawing and cooking contests.

One function will have participants earn fake money for conversing with someone fluent in either French, German, or Spanish. Then they can purchase items in an "international store."

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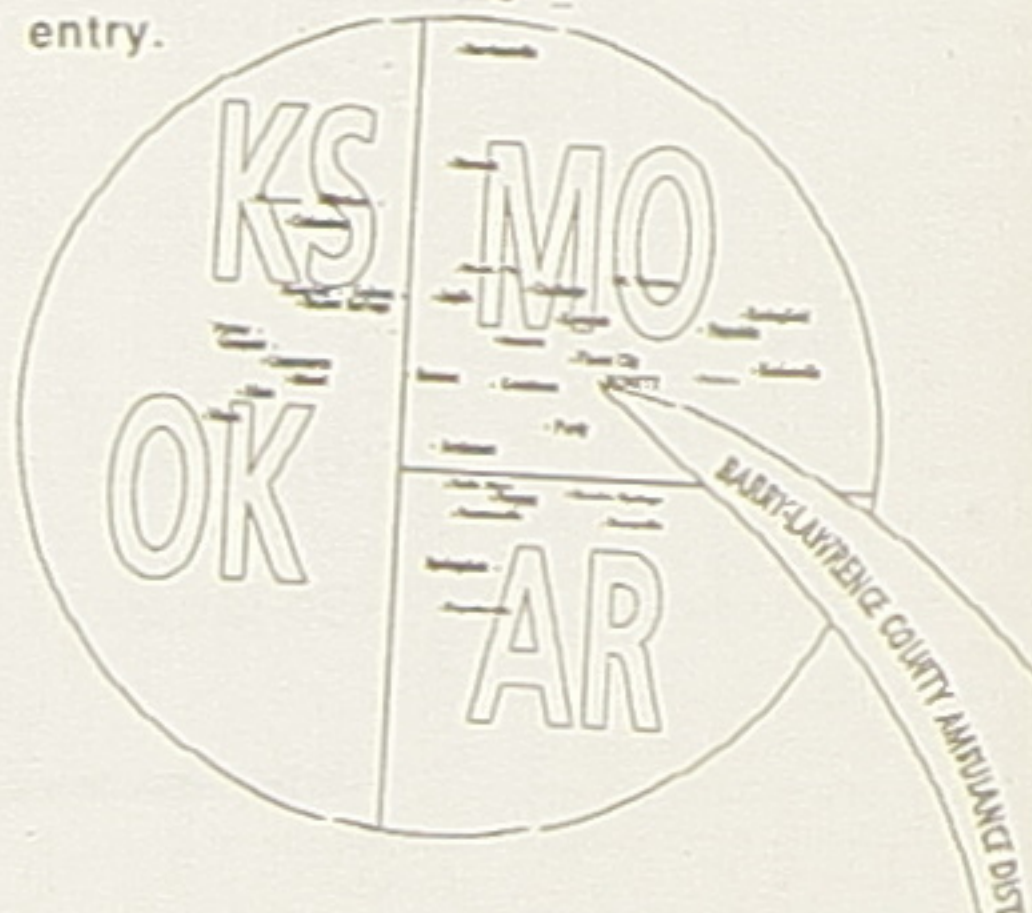
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Lisa Werst, senior communications major, watches students play airball, Tuesday's Spring Fling activity. The competitions continued until 7 p.m. yesterday. Other Spring Fling activities include a stuffed pet pageant at 7 p.m. today and an all-campus picnic tomorrow from 10:40 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the oval.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Club picks Taylor for trip

Tokyo site of MMUN convention

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

For the second year in a row, a Missouri Southern student will represent the Midwest Model United Nations at its international convention.

Karen Taylor, senior history major, applied for the position last year, but Gail Demery, a 1990 graduate of Southern, was chosen to attend the gathering in Moscow. Taylor didn't give up, however, and now will travel to Tokyo this summer with four other students from the Midwest delegation.

"I was really excited when I found out that I had been chosen," she said. "Studying internationally is the most exciting thing I've done since I entered college."

At the convention, scheduled for

July 27-30, Taylor will attend conferences and cultural programs.

"The bulk of your day is spent in sessions," she said. "Sight-seeing is squeezed in."

Taylor has more on her mind than sight-seeing; much is left to be done before her departure for Tokyo.

"I've been calling every travel agent and airline to find out ticket prices," she said. "The 17-hour flight there will be physically the hardest thing. I can't imagine being on a plane that long."

Perhaps the lengthy airplane trip will give Taylor extra time to brush up on her Cuban point of view. Her delegation was assigned to represent Cuba when the group convenes to discuss viewpoints from different countries' perspectives. Taylor's assigned topics are world debt and global warming.

"Right now I know virtually nothing," she said. "Between now and the trip, I'll have to learn everything I can about the country. Then you can approach your topics as a Cuban."

An "extra burden," said Taylor, is Spiva Library's capacity.



Karen Taylor

Senate looks at student issues

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

With only one request for funding, the Student Senate devoted the bulk of last night's meeting to student concerns.

Brian Rash, freshman senator, said many students were upset after reading in last week's edition of *The Chart* that the security payment for books will rise next semester.

"Many of them couldn't understand why the book deposit was doubling," he said. "Just because some students aren't returning their books doesn't mean everyone else should pay for it."

It was decided that the matter was of some concern and that the judicial committee should look into it.

In other business, Lory St. Clair, Senate treasurer, said she had been receiving requests to consider placing a crosswalk leading from the Police

Academy.

"They said it's too far to walk all the way to the tunnel," St. Clair said.

Lisa Werst, senior senator, said she has seen many students crossing the road at that point, even without a crosswalk.

However, Tiffany Jakse, senior senator, pointed out that the subject had been discussed previously, with the city rejecting the idea.

"It would be too close to the other crosswalk [on Newman Road], so the city wouldn't allow it," Jakse said.

Mary Hanewinkel, Senate president, suggested that Werst might check on the city's position.

One final student concern the Senate addressed was installing microwaves on campus for use by commuter students. Doretta Lovland volunteered to devise a proposal for consideration at a future meeting.

In old business, the Senate allocated \$561.38 to Phi Beta Lambda to attend a state competition in Jef-

ferson City. The treasury balance now stands at \$2,009.62.

During the president's report, Hanewinkel discussed a proposal passed last week which would have increased the Senate's portion of student activity fees, while decreasing that of the Campus Activities Board and the campus cookout.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president of student services, decided there would be no change in the division of activity fees because the business office had simplified the breakdown in 1988, giving the Senate more than originally was intended. According to Hanewinkel, "actually we have been getting more than we should have."

At the general election April 24-25, students will have the opportunity to vote for next year's officers as well as approve minor changes in the

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Leverette, Beshore resign from posts

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Different circumstances have yielded the same result, as two faculty members have announced their resignations.

After three years at the College, Dr. Ralph Leverette, associate professor of education, has relinquished his position to join the faculty at Malone College in Canton, Ohio, as a full professor.

"It is a better position financially and also allows me a little bit broader frame of reference," he said.

With the move, Leverette will have the opportunity to do private practice in speech pathology, as well as teach both graduate and undergraduate courses.

Leverette will not leave Southern without regret.

"I'll miss, I think in particular, the non-traditional students and the seriousness with which they pursue their work," he said. "That's not to say I won't miss all students."

"I'll also miss my colleagues and the area."

Dr. James Sandrin, head of the department of education, said a national search is underway and that the position should be filled within the next 30 days.

Also resigning, after six years, is Sharon Beshore, a lecturer in the Learning Center. Beshore, who teaches techniques in college reading and study strategies, is planning on leaving for a variety of reasons.

"A combination of family commitments—I have two young children, ages four and eight—and professional needs have made the timing right for leaving."

Beshore will pursue her doctorate part-time at an area school, with the hope of returning to Southern upon completion.

"I'm hoping there will be a position for me when I come back," she said. "I really enjoy teaching here."

"I'm also hoping that the doctorate will open up some career opportunities at Missouri Southern as well as provide me with some additional background which might benefit the students and the College."

According to Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center, applications for the position are being accepted. She said because the position will be a three-quarter time, one-year term "we felt it did not warrant a national search."

"I would rather cut my wrist than lose her," Dolence said. "We hope she will return."

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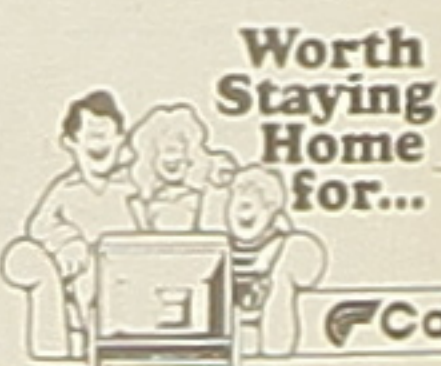
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EDITORIALS

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Bad priorities

It's time to reconsider the numbers. A proposal by Student Senate vice president Karen Taylor brought to light a grotesque misapplication of student activities. Right now, the College spends 16 percent of all student activity fees on the cookout, while the Senate receives a little more at 20 percent.

Taylor's first proposal would have given the Senate 30 percent, the CAB 60 percent, and the picnic the remaining 10 percent. The idea later was amended, giving the Senate 25 percent, CAB 60 percent, and the cookout 15 percent.

Taylor's first proposal was dead on. Proportionately, the money spent on the Senate is peanuts compared to funds allotted to the cookout. Thousands are spent on the cookout for four hours of frolic—only percentage points more are spent for a year's worth of Senate work. It doesn't add up.

Granted the cookout is a success. It provides students, faculty, and staff with a much-needed break from the monotony of the lunch routine. However, giving it 16 percent of student activity fees falsifies its true importance to campus life. Try telling that to a president of a club who couldn't make it to a convention because the Senate ran out of money. Why did it run out of money? The reasons vary, but certainly the cookout must be counted among them.

Certainly not the Senate nor the Campus Activities Board enjoy having their funds reduced. But there's a problem here. There's a problem when a one-time picnic is nearly equal in financial importance to the workings of a student governmental body.

Double trouble

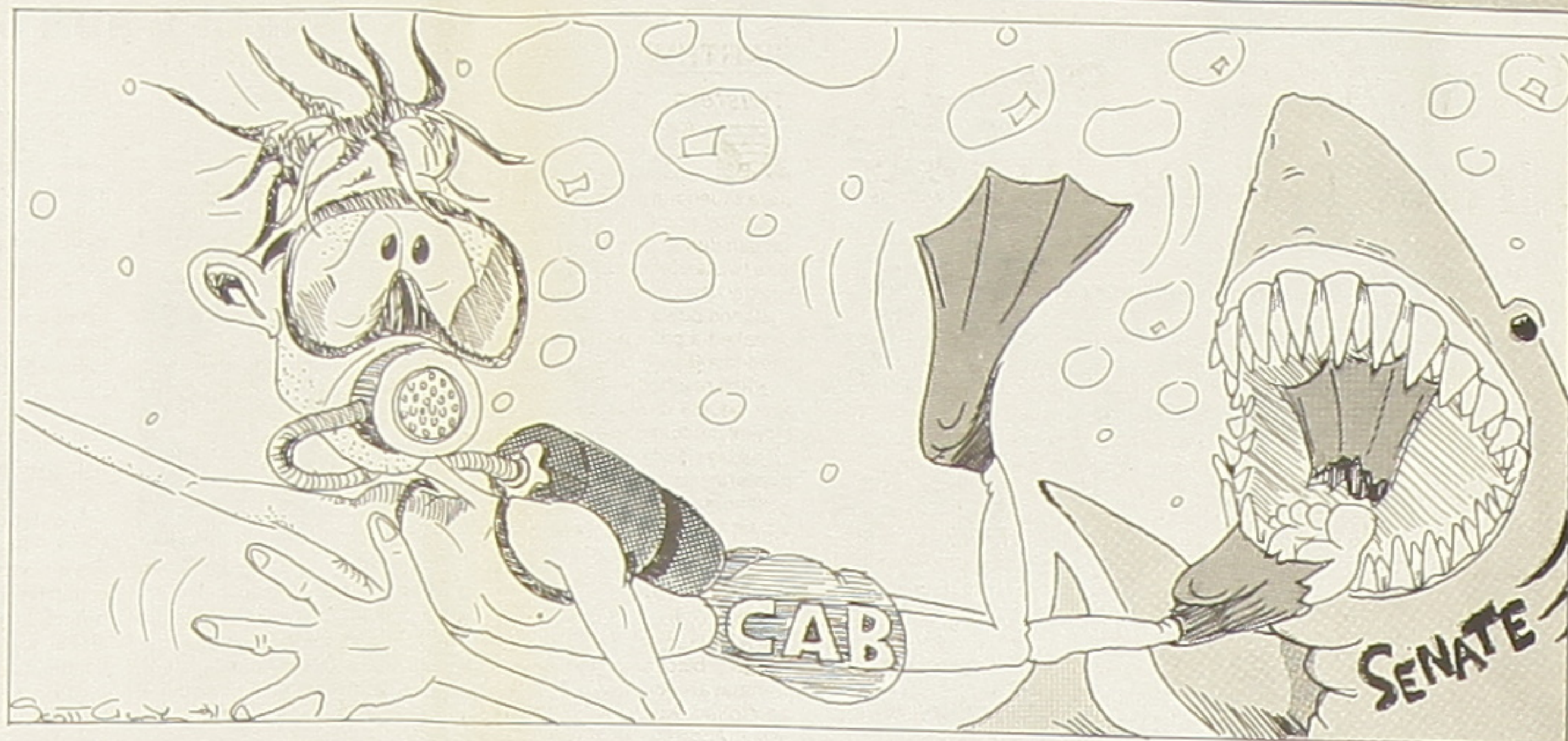
Let's not go to the extreme. If just as a customer was lowering the pen to sign a deal for a car purchase, the salesman doubled (and the key word here is doubled) the deposit required, that buyer most likely would be upset. The same is true with the increase of the security payment required for book rental from \$25 to \$50 for students enrolled in more than six hours. Some students are screaming.

Last night, the Student Senate addressed those cries for help from students who are lucky to scrape together \$25 after forking over cash for tuition, room and board, activity fees, books, and the other myriad of payments which attack students during the first week of school. Now the College wants an additional \$25 to boot?

True, prices for books are on the rise, and a small portion of them are lost when students who fail to return to Southern keep their books, but doubling the fee seems an extreme measure. Why not be sympathetic to the students' plight?

If the deposit must be increased, just a \$5 hike would generate a substantial amount of cashflow up front. As it was, students at Missouri Southern were fortunate to have the book rental system.

Why change a good thing?



Freedom of assembly stifled in wartime

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Debate over America's involvement in the war against Iraq now seems academic, and with the head-swell of millions who dug their trenches in the country's military might, a pat on the back seemed natural.

The war's biggest losers: activists, who found that their 1960's intellectual hippiedom sadly missed the mark in 1991—a year when George Bush became God.

What about activism? If you were against the war, you might as well have been a leper. It was discovered that nearly 80 percent of all Americans were in favor of war, and if you couple that with activism's lack of identity—Abbie Hoffman is dead, don't you know—and Democrats who ideologically swung to Bush, you'll find that "anti-war" is technically out of touch.

But there were many reasons to be against the Iraqi conflict. Some say oil was the motive, some say intervention was needed to maintain Kuwait's self rule. As if Kuwait was a shining democracy before Hussein



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knocked on the door. Ruled by a monarchy, Kuwait's civil rights record was nothing of short of savage—up until the mid-1980s, slavery was common practice in Kuwait. But you have to admit, storming a Middle East madman looks better on paper, not to mention the Arab friends Bush won in the conflict.

Still, the war unmasked a much more impactful monstrosity in the American public, something rooted more in the hysteria of the flag than a change of the times. In listening to some people in this area—at Missouri Southern particularly—one might be led to believe that freedom of assembly is somewhat of a misused tool of dissent, that it no longer serves its purpose because it tarnishes what the majority deems as the greater good. Nobody likes war, right? Who knows. If you believe Saddam Hussein was wrong to do what he did, and you believe using force (which inevitably manifested war) was the only means to reach the end, then you approved of war. And when you're talking guns and missiles, "liking" and "approving" present marginal differences. Opposing the war became sacrilegious, or as some might say, treasonous.

Each day during the war, I heard quotes that would have made any flag manufacturer happy and any peacenik shiver in his or her shoes. "Those protestors, they serve no purpose. If I had the chance,

I would take the First Amendment and give it a toss," one woman said. I had to believe her. I honestly believe that if southwest Missouri had its way, a constitutional convention would be called with none other but the sole purpose of extracting the freedom of assembly clause from the First Amendment. I would almost bet my life on it. By writing this column, I probably already have.

The school of thought during the war was simple: whether you supported the war effort or not, you should support the troops and pray for their safe return. No problem. That's an easy thing to do, especially if you have loved ones still stationed over there, as I do.

But what I don't have to do is support the reasons why they are there. Employing tunnel vision by thinking of nothing else but Godspeed ignores the larger question. Why did they go? For some, a reply is facile. For others, the answer is treacherous to come by and usually less appealing. Whatever the answer, it isn't something that should be featherweight in logic, or packaged for easy swallowing by the public.

I hope we haven't seen the last of the protestors. Granted, I was not active for either side during the war. I was content to watch apathetically from the sidelines. But what I saw in the majority scared me. We've got to remember that raising ideological arms against Iraq is acceptable, as is fighting the wishes of souped-up American patriotism.

Let freedom ring, but make it so all of us can hear.

Returning to college awakens brain cells

BY ARLESE BRADLEY
SENIOR ACCOUNTING MAJOR

It was September 1989. The youngest of my four children began first grade—his first full-day encounter with school, when I realized this was the time I had been waiting for...my return to college. My family was very encouraging, assuring me of their cooperation. I didn't listen to the doomsayers foretelling failure: "it's been too long," "all those kids are just out of high school," "real tough competition."

I signed up for only two courses—a tester. Little did I know the types of learning experiences I was in for. Little did I know the changes my decision would bring to the other members of my family.

I learned during the first semester that those 13 years out of school had altered my attitude toward school greatly. College was no longer a place to go after high school, a great place to socialize or a place to snag the prospective mate.

The return to college has meant the initial step in the transformation from mother and homemaker back to individual. It marks the accomplishment of



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a pre-children goal. A sense of completion adds to self confidence.

The return represents a willingness to gain additional knowledge and update skills. It also means awakening critical and analytical thinking cells that might have fallen asleep. MSSC has helped to broaden my sense of global awareness. My sense of personal contribution is being revived.

The return has given me the opportunity to learn from my classmates new attitudes, concerns, and perspectives. This, I'm sure, is helping me to relate better to my children by remaining flexible and open to new ideas.

The return obviously means greater career choices for me. I am aware of the competitive nature of the job market and intend to be prepared.

Mental preparedness is only one aspect of the return. The "why" to return is motivation enough to begin, but it takes more to stay.

My first major adjustment was in time usage. The return meant a crash course in time management and prioritizing. No more leisurely days with hours to fill as I wish. Now in addition to the normal household maintenance, I added class time and study time. All of this I accomplished prior to the children's return

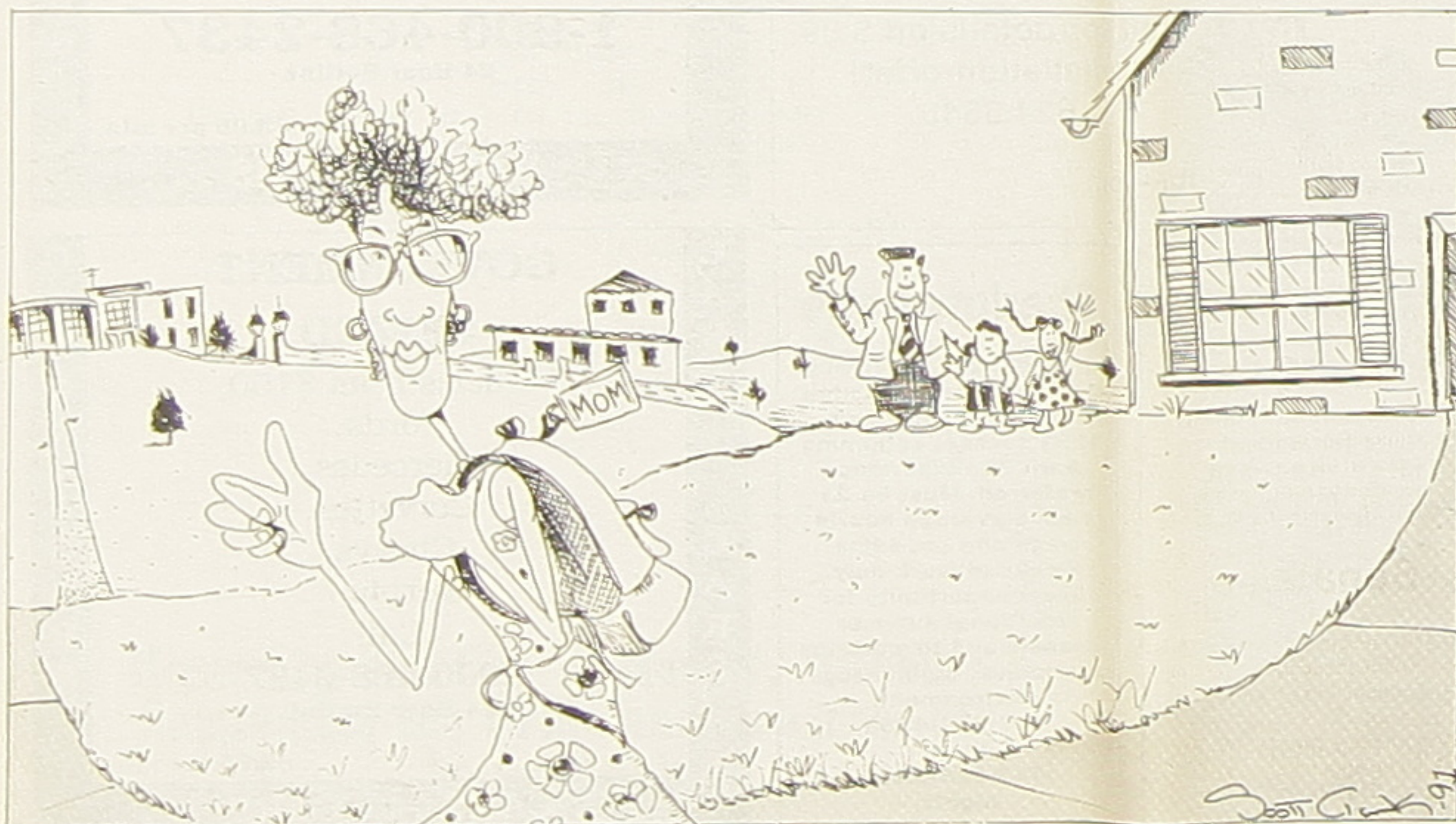
from school.

Organization and planning are the essential elements to time management. I learned to save time on meal preparation without sacrificing variety, nutrition, or taste. I saved approximately three hours a week by shopping twice a month. I learned to delegate to other family members.

As the classes became more difficult, re-evaluation and redistribution of my time became necessary. Prioritizing my study time has made a steady subtle change in our home. Not only do my children recognize and respect closed doors, but they have become more self-reliant. They are learning to help one another as well as choosing to spend quality time with their father. I have often had one or two of them join me for a quiet, extra reading hour or study without being asked. It's great.

As a parent I realized that despite all the discussions and lectures I give, the best learned lessons are the examples I show. In this sense, all the schedule juggling, quiet study times, and persistent effort should express in loud action the importance of getting a good education. I can't say that it's easy, but I can see it's already worth it.

I am certain there will still be challenges ahead, but with the support of my family and my increasing confidence, I have no doubt I will successfully accomplish my goal.



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Singapore sits in precarious times

BY PAMELA CHONG
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Situated at the heart of the tropics, barely one degree latitude north of the equator, Singapore is a tropical island paradise, but it is not your typical tropical island paradise.

Home to a unique blend of four main ethnic groups (Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Caucasian), the undisputed racial harmony that nevertheless exists is the extraordinary skill with which the government (consisting mainly of the long-standing People's Action Party) has woven a metropolitan tapestry of an economically flourishing nation. A land about seven times the size of Joplin, its population is close to 70 times the population of Joplin. This means 12,000 people per square mile. Yet, the extreme proximity of the next person who very likely is someone from a different ethnic origin, the scarcity of natural resources, and the recency of the country's independence have had their potential negativity transformed into amazing assets by a competent, far-sighted, and paternalistic government.

Growing up in Singapore presented its share of joys and pains, for it truly is a country you either hate or love, or both. In my early years in Singapore, my feelings toward the nation were shaped by my (eight years my senior) brother's tirades about the restrictions, the countless fines for littering, smoking, and what-have-you, the cautious but substantial censorship of all print material circulating the country, the conformity prevalent in individuals as well as institutions, and a myriad of other things. Highly impressionable, I listened with eagerness and every day, leaned more and more toward my brother's prolifically expressed viewpoints, fueled by my mother's admonishments.

There are two ways, I suppose, to perceive this very focused, disciplined, yet forward-looking attitude that pervades the nation island. Someone I know, who had visited Singapore, calls it *sterile*. The ethnic diversity blanketed by a remarkable concord

prevails amidst a national temperament that is characterized by control and restraint, even in its merrymaking and leisure activities. Conflict is never serious, unrest is virtually nonexistent, debate occurs only on a superficial level, and celebration reeks of orderliness and containment.

I especially resented the straight and narrow career/economic path which made social outcasts out of those who did not conform by finishing school, obtaining a university degree from the National University of Singapore (the only one in the country) and proceeded on to a yuppie career that eventually led to a nice marriage, two pleasant, diligent and conformist kids, a three-bedroom apartment, four wheels (car), and a five-figure annual salary.

Yet, this "sterile" pleasantness of life in Singapore is not without merit. The streets are safe, the economy is stable, and the government, though presumptuous of its ability to know what is best for the people of Singapore, is merely exercising its paternalistic and quite benevolent (albeit rather pushy) "daddy-knows-best" policy. The possible discomforts of conforming can be negated, conquered and, in fact, exploited, by developing a positive and accepting attitude toward its inevitability.

As long as one does not aspire to stand out, to be different, and to pursue impossible dreams, Singapore can be a warm and comfortable nest in which to build one's home and live in relative luxury with as much ease as city-living can offer. Ironically, it was those very desires for greater things than Singapore could offer that opened my eyes and my heart to the nation's redeeming qualities. My past two-and-a-half years in America have been a whirlwind of very enriching new experiences, and I have thoroughly enjoyed them while looking forward to some more, but they have also shown me that a certain amount of conformity, a reasonable degree of paternalism, and an absence of unnecessary conflict is not such a bad thing.

Indeed it is a precarious balance that Singapore has managed to achieve, not to a perfect, but to quite a remarkable degree in the short span of 26 years since its independence in 1965.

Bush seeks closer ties between Japan, U.S.

ASAHI EDITORIAL ▶

Amid the discord stemming from strong U.S. criticism of Japan's role in the Persian Gulf war, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu has held talks with U.S. President George Bush. They affirmed that the two countries will join hands to work toward the creation of a new world order.

Bilateral relations are not only important to the two countries, but also have a great effect on the world. We are pleased, for now, that Kaifu and Bush agreed to make adjustments in a rational way that rose above emotional squabbles to mend fences.

We could presume from the standpoint of Bush that he may have merely been courteous to Kaifu, who needed the reaffirmation of close Japan-U.S. ties.

Bush has already put the gulf behind him—what interests him most now is to elicit economic cooperation from Japan. The United States is now likely to intensify its demand for Japanese responses to specific issues such as the opening of the country's rice market and its financial help for Central and South America.

In the present world, economic power is becoming as important as military might. The economy's influence now extends further, playing a major political role in providing security and stability to people's livelihood. To alleviate tensions and help stabilize the world, Japan should make economic contributions by providing technology, finance, and human training.

For that goal Japan must formulate a comprehensive policy to coordinate how it will make economic contributions and how it will prioritize them. How and where we will use limited funds and opportunities must not be influenced by the volume of others' voices or decided without prior planning.

They say that Japan and the United

States will cooperate with each other to create a postwar world order. That's fine, but it is unwelcome if the United States formulates strategies and Japan just honors the checks the United States writes.

We would like to pay attention to the remarks Bush addressed at a joint news conference to Americans dissatisfied with Japan's role in the Gulf War.

During the Persian Gulf crisis, there emerged an argument in some quarters of Japan that the country would become an orphan of the world if it stuck to the Constitution and failed to raise a Japanese flag at the war front.

The proponents of this argument said that U.S. anger couldn't otherwise be assuaged. The logic used by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leadership who pushed the dispatch of the Self-Defense Forces sounded similar.

We are glad we didn't proceed with the illogical dispatch just out of some excessive debt to the United States. The reason we feel this way is not because we are reassured by the approval of the U.S. president.

We would like to learn from this experience the importance of taking our own path of courage, thinking out what "should do" and "can do." We shouldn't be influenced by remarks and actions by others, even during a war.

We think it's good that a Japanese prime minister spoke frankly to the United States. But one of the reasons for Japanese-American discord is that Japan's diplomatic principles are difficult for foreign countries to understand.

During the Gulf crisis, what kind of logic did the LDP leadership use in trying to drag the nation into sending SDF into the conflict? Did Kaifu use his leadership to counter that attempt?

Our country has been very cautious about dispatching the SDF overseas, but not because we wanted to "play it safe" and were "cowardly."

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Twisters

A powerful cyclonic storm from the Bay of Bengal spawned high winds, severe thunderstorms, and a tornado that killed at least 25 people in Bangladesh during a three-day rampage. The twister destroyed 5,000 homes, mostly bamboo and straw huts, and flattened power lines and trees as it wreaked a path of destruction near the India-Bangladesh border.

In the southeastern United States, four people died in an outbreak of violent thunderstorms that spawned tornadoes across four states. Other twisters skipped through parts of Oklahoma and Kansas, but caused no significant damage or any injuries.

Black Snow

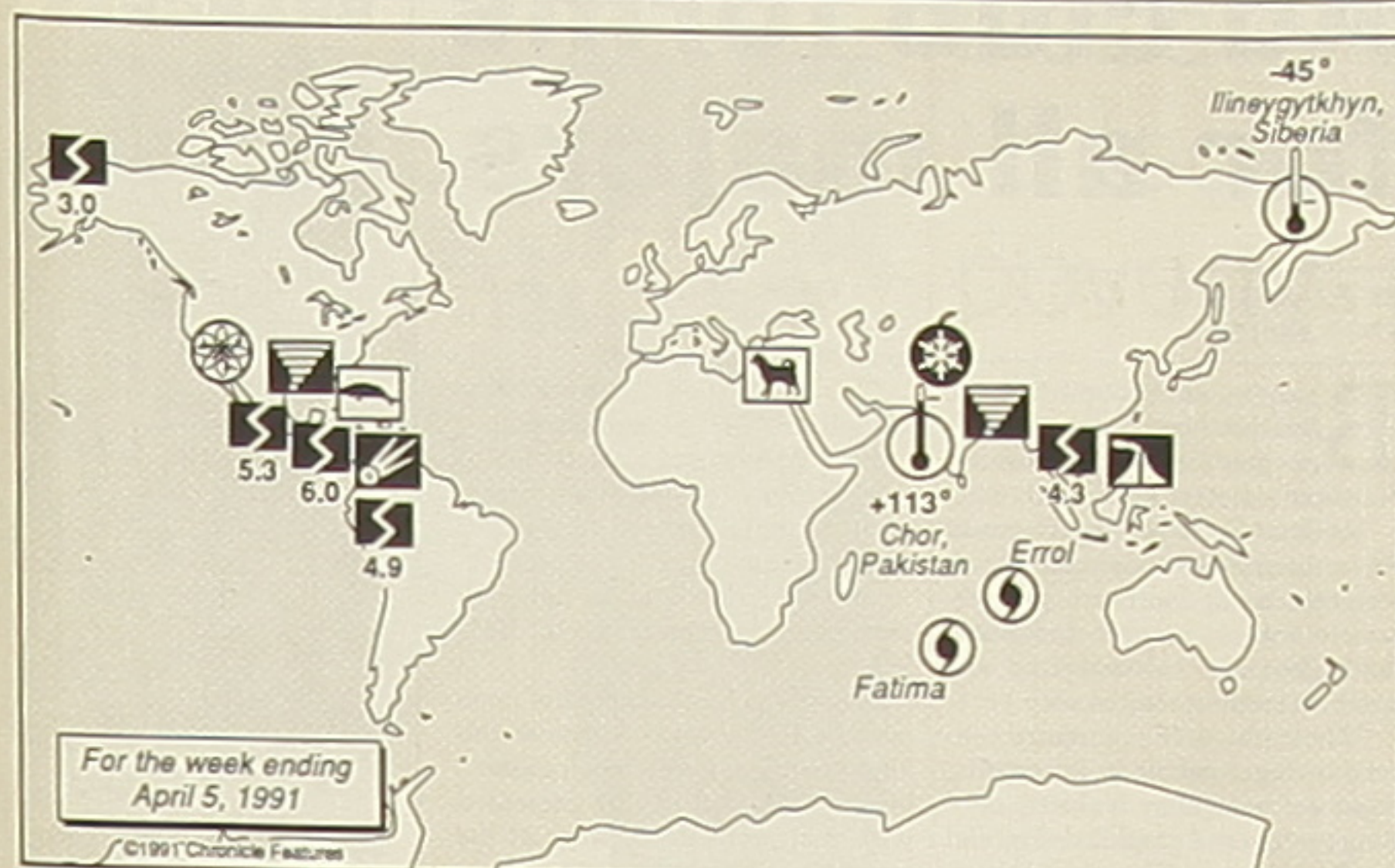
Fallout from the smoke of burning Kuwaiti oil wells has blackened the slopes in the Himalayan Mountains of Indian-controlled Kashmir, 1,700 miles away. According to a group of Swiss high-altitude skiers, the oily snow was almost two inches deep at an altitude of 16,000 feet. Their skis and other equipment became fouled with goopy black film. The oily layer will probably become a permanent part of the glacial record.

Meteors

Five fiery objects, leaving trails of smoke across the dawn sky, were seen by thousands of people around Maracaibo, Venezuela on April 2. Air Force Gen. Castillo Losada said he had received reports of the unidentified flying objects from an airline pilot who spotted them near his plane shortly after takeoff. Venezuelan weather experts said the objects were probably a cluster of meteors.

Tropical Storms

Tropical cyclones Fatima and Errol harmlessly dissipated in the open waters of the Indian Ocean.



Earthquakes

A moderate quake shook a large part of southern Burma and southern Thailand from beneath the Andaman Sea, but caused no damage or injuries. Earth movements were also felt in central Alaska, Panama, central and southern Mexico, and along the Peru-Ecuador border.

Volcano

Hundreds of Philippine farmers on a small island in the middle of a lake 30 miles south of Manila fled Taal Volcano after a series of tremors and a mild explosion jolted the area. The blast sprayed white clay over 2-1/2 nearby acres. Japanese and French volcanologists rushed to the site, but could find no signs that a dangerous eruption was imminent. Taal last erupted in 1977. In 1911, it erupted twice, burying 13 villages and killing 1,433 people.

Dogs of War

Police in Beirut began a campaign to kill packs of stray dogs that have run wild through the streets, attacking people at night since peace was restored to the once-divided city three months ago. The health ministry said hundreds of the strays grew savage with no one looking after them during the civil war. They moved out of the downtown area into residential districts after the "green line" was dismantled in December.

Testing

The U.S. conducted its second and most powerful nuclear explosion of the year beneath the Nevada Desert about 100 miles north of Las Vegas. Codenamed Bexar, the blast registered 5.5 on the Richter scale and had a force of up to 150 kilotons, the strongest allowed by the Limited Test Ban Treaty.

Manatee Trap

A manatee sucked into a nuclear power plant cooling pond near Port St. Lucie, Fla., two months ago continued to elude rescuers. So far, Natalie, as the 1,200-pound sea mammal was nicknamed, has not been nabbed by divers, floating traps, anchored traps, lettuce and hyacinth lures, or even the taped chatter of other manatees. Biologists are not sure if there is sufficient food for Natalie to survive much longer in the cooling pond, and so far she has refused to eat offerings from her Florida Power and Light landlords. Only about 1,200 protected Florida sea cows remain in the wild.

Additional Sources: French Meteorological Station at Reunion, University of California at Berkeley Seismological Laboratory, U.S. Military Joint Typhoon Warning Center at Guam, U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center, and the World Meteorological Organization.

Peace process must push forward

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE ▶

[Editor's note: Former Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze recommends for the first time publicly that the Soviet Union restore full diplomatic relations with Israel. In this interview, conducted March 23 in Moscow by Los Angeles Times Bureau Chief Michael Parks, Shevardnadze also proposes that the U.N. Security Council appoint a "very authoritative politician to mediate the Arab-Israeli conflict. According to Parks: "Shevardnadze's boldness on some crucial issues, his circumspection on others, and the timing of his proposal led several Western ambassadors who know him well to speculate that he saw himself as the U.N. mediator."]

What do you see ahead in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf? What are the prospects for a broader peace there?

I think that relatively favorable conditions have arisen for resolving all the Middle East problems. This means resolving the main problem, the most sensitive problem—the Arab-Israeli conflict. We should also push on to other problems: forming security structures, building new relations among states, pursuing realistic arms reductions, turning the region into a zone free of weapons of mass destruction, especially chemical weapons.

However, I am already worried by the present pause, this hiatus, [now that] the hot wave of violence is over. It is highly important that United States Secretary of State James Baker made his trip to the Middle East this month. It was useful and he returned with interesting ideas. But, the process of dialogue and negotiations is not progressing. It is highly important to preserve the momentum while all the impressions and horrors of war are still fresh, when people are asking "Where are the guarantees that tomorrow another conflict won't start?"

The region is oversaturated with weapons and the danger of war persists. Therefore, it is very important that we act now in a more dynamic fashion and go on the offensive. This is the period to show determination and courage.

It is quite important that President Bush repeated the important formula of exchanging territory for peace and expressed his support for it. This is of

great consequence, and it is a good foundation for serious dialogue.

The most difficult issue is how to begin the dialogue between warring sides. Should this proceed within the framework of [an international peace] conference?

If we don't go ahead with such a conference, then let's proceed on a bilateral basis, or use intermediaries to force the opposing sides in the Arab-Israeli conflict to renounce mutual non-recognition and stop ignoring the other forces, including the Palestine

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—Eduard Shevardnadze, former Soviet foreign minister

Liberation Organization. If we do not act, the dialogue will never start.

Apart from political and diplomatic activities of the Secretary of State and President of the United States, and of the Soviet leadership, I would like to stress the special role the United Nations Security Council could play.

What has been done in the Persian Gulf during the crisis is a unique experience—I would even call it a bequest to humankind. This experience should be added to our diplomatic arsenal.

We have been saying for a long time that the Middle East needs a very authoritative politician to facilitate the initiation of dialogue, maybe in the form of a permanent representative of the U.N. Secretary General.

Also, what prevents us from starting consultations among the permanent members of the Security Council to look for a common approach, to enter into a dialogue with the Israelis, with the Palestinians—both those who are living in the occupied lands and those who are operating outside those territories—and with other Arab states.

I would not reject the idea of President Francois Mitterrand of France, who proposed convening the Security Council on these issues at the level of heads of state.

In addition, Soviet diplomacy can now make a weighty contribution to

all problems in the Middle East because we have very good relations with many Arab countries.

I must say, though—for the first time since I am a free man now—we Soviets have unnecessarily limited our opportunities for diplomacy in the Middle East.

For example, we denounced the Camp David Agreement [reached in 1979 between Egypt and Israel with U.S. mediation]. Since I am now heading an independent organization, I can say openly that we were not

always right, since Camp David and other agreements provided the foundation for resolving bigger problems. This has continued for decades now, and I think our room for maneuver in these years was severely limited by this fact.

I personally regret failing to bring the problem of normalizing relations with the sovereign state of Israel to a logical end. We, of course, took into account the thinking of some of our friends, the PLO, and some other countries, in not doing so. I think now, though, that a new stage is beginning when even our Arab friends should understand that this normalization of Soviet-Israeli relations is dictated by the times. If our Arab friends are interested in our active participation in the process of establishing peace, then they should support what I am saying now.

If the Soviet Union takes this step now, then the opportunities for interaction between the Soviet Union and the United States and other states, especially the permanent members of the Security Council, will significantly widen. Again, for the first time, I am saying all this freely and openly. I mentioned once before the recognition of Israel, and perhaps I misunderstood because the Soviet Union does recognize the existence of Israel. I am calling for the

restoration of diplomatic relations.

How close are the American and Soviet views on the future? Can you see a return to their international rivalry?

[During my tenure as foreign minister] we talked a lot—in Wyoming, at Lake Baikal in Siberia, in Houston, at Camp David—and thought a lot about strategic stability.

The degree and reliability of strategic stability depends first of all on Soviet-American relations and, ahead of everything else, on their mutual understanding. In other words, we must, as I see it, conduct serious dialogue not only on the reduction of existing arms, we must also discuss seriously—and we shall need an atmosphere of trust for this—the level of armaments we really need to guarantee the security of our own countries and that of our neighbors and allies.

For this reason, the U.S. and Soviet Union have to build an edifice of trust and mutual respect. We will have to undergo difficult and complex tests and we have to exercise the utmost care, especially when when it concerns the declarations of political leaders.

How do you see your role as head of the Soviet Foreign Policy Association?

First of all, I want to express my feeling openly, and be sure the opinions of those who share similar views are expressed. I want to continue studying the various international problems in the framework of this association.

Of course, this will not determine the political weather. But I believe we in the Soviet Union must finally learn this culture of communication and become accustomed to the existence of an opposition or alternative opinions. We must learn to take this as an absolutely normal phenomenon in a civilized state....

In addition, I would like to look into economic problems. I would dearly love to help on economic matters, where we have no real schools of thought, such as entrepreneurship and privatization. A year ago, people had great difficulty uttering these words, even in a Politburo session. Pluralism, I can tell you, did not extend that high.

Senate/From Page 3

Senate's constitution. The revised constitution already has been passed by the Senate, but also must receive approval by the student body.

The changes are as follows:

■ To be appended to Article I as section 3: The object of the Student Senate shall be to act as a bridge between the student body and the ad-

ministration in matters that are of concern to a relatively wide section of the student body and student organizations in any or all ways that the Student Senate deems appropriate.

■ To be appended to Article II, Section 2.6 after the words "...such a vacancy exists": If such a vacancy was the result of a senator being

dropped following his/her fourth unexcused absence of the semester, the notice of the vacancy shall be posted at the Student Services office on the Tuesday following that fourth unexcused absence. In the event that a vacancy occurs due to reason other than that stated above, notice of the vacancy shall be posted at the

earliest possible date.

■ To be appended to Article II, Section 2.6 after the words "...for the position": Current members of the Student Senate, however, are not eligible.

During the meeting, Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, at least one candidate has applied for each office.

Ad club forms for all majors

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bringing interdepartmental relationships to campus is the purpose of one of Missouri Southern's newest organizations.

Southern Concepts, the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) college chapter at Southern, will pertain to not just graphic design students, but also to marketing and communications majors.

"Their (the AAF's) primary concern is to get people in advertising together," said Dave Noblett, associate professor of graphic design and faculty sponsor. "We would encourage people from other disciplines to join us. We need all the input from all around."

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, believes "any additional exposure" students get from the AAF will be beneficial.

"I would hope that our marketing people, in particular, would get right in the middle of that (the AAF)," he said.

The Student Senate approved the organization's charter at its March 27 meeting. Members will receive a monthly newsletter and have the opportunity to go to the National Student Advertising Competition after competing regionally.

Southern Concepts was granted \$850 by the Senate to attend the regional competition this weekend in Topeka, Kan.

"It's not just visiting and looking at pretty pictures," said Greg Willson, Southern Concepts president.

"We want to attend this so our students will be ready to compete in next year's competition."

"It's also to see the work other schools are doing," Noblett said.

Both Willson and Noblett said the competition is a good place for students to make contacts in the area of advertising.

"Anyone who went to nationals automatically gains contacts," Noblett said.

According to Willson, the competition is the "only chance at this level to work as a real design agency" because the students are presented with real problems to solve at the competition.

"We compete as though we were an advertising agency," he said.

Other benefits of the AAF include internships, attending the national convention, attending the College Chapter Achievement Competition, and other activities. Noblett plans to include lectures and demonstrations by professionals in advertising.

Southern Concepts now is starting action to become a "committee within a sub-committee" by joining the National Computer Graphics Association (NCGA). The NCGA keeps advertising people updated about new computer trends in advertising.

Other officers are Scott Clark, vice president; Don Henry, treasurer; Shannon Clark, recording secretary; and Robert Whitehead, correspondent secretary.

Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Noblett at 625-9597.

Dance is Fling's finale

A Dorothy and Toto look-alike contest will highlight Saturday's Spring Fling dance.

The dance, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the biology pond.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said there are plans for dance contests if participation is high.

"We hope to see a lot of people there. We've got a lot of prizes to give

away," Carlisle said.

Prizes for the dance contests will be Wal-Mart gift certificates so the students can "use the prizes any way they wish," she said.

Top prize for the 10 p.m. Dorothy and Toto contest is \$50. Participants must wear red shoes and have a dog to qualify.

Music for the dance will be provided by C. Fox Music, which has worked most of the dances this year.

BRANCHES OF KNOWLEDGE



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Jennifer Johnson, sophomore studio arts major, took advantage of the "warm and blustery" spring weather last Thursday as she studied her homework underneath the shady branches of a tree near Taylor Auditorium. Many students spent time outside last week as a result of the warmer weather. Continued warm weather has helped to contribute to Spring Fling activities which will conclude tomorrow.

Authors to speak to youth

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

For many students at Missouri Southern, the earliest reading experiences came from Dick and Jane books, and their earliest writing experiences involved Big Chief Tablets and pencils nearly the size of tree branches.

The times are changing.

Southern's Young Writer's Conference is representative of those changes. The conference, scheduled for noon on Saturday, April 27, is expected to attract more than 600 students in grades 1-6 from 29 school districts throughout the area.

"The real purpose is to encourage teachers to encourage students to write," said Virginia Myers, associate professor of education. "The conference isn't designed to create better authors. It's to make young students better readers."

Preparations for the conference began in January when teachers from area schools met with members of Southern's steering committee for the conference.

The teachers were instructed to assign students to write books. Each school then judges the completed works and selects the top 12 which then will be judged at Southern's conference.

Speakers at the conference include Valerie Damon Hubbard, an author of children's books from Kansas City who will discuss reading and writing. "She writes wonderful books," Myers said. "Real fantasy stuff almost along the lines of the *Hobbit* series. She also illustrates her own works."

Karen Taha of Springdale, Ark., is also scheduled to speak. Taha is an author of children's books, including *Banana Brainstorms* and *Marsh-mellow Muscles*.

Nick Frising, a political cartoonist who has done some work for *The Joplin Globe*, will be speaking to all the students in attendance.

Dated and autographed children's books will be for sale in Phinney Hall.

Upcoming Events

TODAY

April 11

Job Interviews: Love's Country Stores. See career planning and placement office for more information.

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

Lions Baseball: 2 p.m., vs. Oral Roberts University, at Joe Becker Stadium

Twister Contest: 2:30 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC

Lady Lions Tennis: 3 p.m., here, vs. John Brown University

Crossroads: 3 p.m., in communications office

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Stuffed Pet Pageant: 7 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC

TOMORROW

April 12

Spring Fling Picnic: 10:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m., front lawn. Free to students with ID.

Lady Lions Softball: at Central Missouri State University Invitational

Lions Baseball: 6 p.m., vs. Pittsburg State University, at Joe Becker Stadium

SATURDAY

April 13

Alumni Football Brunch: 11:30 a.m. Rm. 310, BSC

Lions Golf: 11 p.m., at CMSU Heart of America Invitational, Warrensburg

Lady Lions Softball: CMSU Invitational

Lions Baseball: 1 p.m., vs. PSU, at Joe Becker Stadium

Rugby: 2 p.m., vs. Wichita, at PSU

International Pizza Party: 3:30 p.m., at the biology pond

CAB Dance: 9 p.m.-1 a.m., at the biology pond

SUNDAY

April 14

Lions Golf: CMSU Heart of America Invitational

Alpha Chi Installation: 5:30 p.m., Connor Ballroom. Banquet, 8 p.m., Keystone, BSC

Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC

P.E. Club: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Matthews Hall

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY

April 15

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

UPS Meeting: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Rm. 314, BSC. Contact Mindy Chism in H-114F for more information.

ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Athletic Luncheon: Noon, Rm. 310, BSC

Sigma Tau Delta Initiation: 2:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Social Science Club: 7 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Lions Baseball: 7 p.m., at Missouri Western

TUESDAY

April 16

Century 21: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., BSC stairwell

ROTC recruitment: All day, Lions' Den, BSC

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC

Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Lions' Baseball: 1 p.m., at Northwest Missouri State University

Lady Lions Softball: 1:30 p.m., vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis; 3 p.m., vs. Southeast Missouri State University; 4:30 p.m., vs. University of Missouri-Rolla

All games in Jackson, Mo.

Lady Lions Tennis: 2 p.m., at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla.

International Club: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

WEDNESDAY

April 17

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

Teacher Placement Day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., entire third floor, BSC

BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC

Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

LAE leaves today for two-day trip

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Going to correction centers in the state will take on new meaning for 15 Missouri Southern students.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the American Criminal Justice Association, left this morning for a two-day trip to tour two correctional centers and the Missouri State Highway Patrol headquarters. The first stop will be the Ozark Correctional Center in Fordland, Mo.

"They (the students) will tour that facility," said Wendell Richards, assistant professor of law enforcement, "and more or less see what goes on at that maximum security [facility]."

This afternoon, the group will tour the Missouri Highway Patrol headquarters. Richards said the patrol will tell the group the history

and functions of the patrol, as well as explain the application process and requirements of the patrol.

"They use it as a recruiting tool," said Richards. "We had three students on one trip hired by the Highway Patrol after touring the center."

Lambda Alpha Epsilon tries to schedule a tour of the patrol for Southern students once a semester.

The group's final stop is at Booneville Correctional Center, although the group previously had other plans.

"We wanted to try to go to Renz Institute, which is a maximum security female correctional institute," said Richards. "But we got complications there."

Richards believes Booneville will be the most "unique" part of the trip.

"The warden, Mike Murphy, has set up almost a full morning where our students can sit and talk with the inmates," he said. "I think this is the

key of the entire trip."

The importance of visiting the two correctional centers, Richards believes, is enhanced because most of the students going are correction-work oriented.

"It was a pretty popular vote to hit those two centers," he said.

Richards said the trips to the correctional centers also are helpful by showing the students what the centers are really like, instead of the version many people derive from movies and the media.

This trip is a little unusual for Lambda Alpha Epsilon.

"We're not really noted for these trips," said Richards. "This is the first two-day trip we've taken."

The group left at 6 a.m. this morning and plans to be back late tomorrow night. The Student Senate helped fund the trip with a \$500 allocation.

Alpha Chi initiation to be held Sunday

Sixty-six graduating seniors will be recognized

Sixty-six seniors will be inducted into Alpha Chi during a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the Billingsly Student Center.

According to Dr. Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, guests at the initiation include Dr. Gayle White, dean of business at Southern Arkansas University.

White, the national Alpha Chi president, will deliver the keynote address.

Missouri Southern's honor society became affiliated with the national chapter of Alpha Chi three years ago to provide graduating seniors with national recognition for academic achievements.

Honey said this identifies and connects the student member to a nationally known honor society, which she said carries more weight in the professional world.

The only requirement necessary for students is to have a 3.7 grade-

point average at the time they apply for graduation. According to Honey, students do not actually apply to Alpha Chi.

"People who have applied for graduation, who have this GPA, are then invited to be members," she said, "once they reach the criteria."

Besides being recognized during the initiation, members of Alpha Chi also will be honored at the honors convocation, scheduled for Wednesday, May 1.

KME travels to Alabama this weekend

A trip to Florence, Ala., by six members of Kappa Mu Epsilon, an honorary mathematics club, is on tap this weekend.

The KME national convention is held every two years. Many of the 107 campus chapters have made plans to attend the current affair.

"We have one of the more active chapters," said Mary Elick, assistant professor of mathematics. "We try to go to all regional and national conventions. We try to participate beyond just attending the conventions."

The 1991 convention will feature students giving presentations on mathematical papers they have researched or investigated. An awards committee consisting of faculty and students will judge the papers and presentations.

"We will arrive on Thursday evening and attend a mixer," said Elick. "This will allow us to get to know the other chapters attending. On Friday the students will get together to discuss activities of respective chapters. This will enable them to

pick up ideas for their own chapters. Hopefully they will gain ideas about how to raise interest and participation."

A Friday night banquet will feature music, door prizes, and an address by James B. Odom, former director of science and engineering at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

"We don't have a student paper this year, but nevertheless we are excited about the convention," Elick said.

Concert tickets on sale

BY RACHEL ALUMBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Strains of Rossini, Ives, and Beethoven will reverberate throughout Taylor Auditorium on Friday, May 3.

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will return once again to the Missouri Southern campus. The orchestra's last performance at the College was in February 1988, when it played before a sold-out audience.

Cynthia Schwab, director of ProMusica and Board of Regents member, believes it is realistic to expect another sold-out performance.

"Taylor Auditorium was chosen because Southern has always been supportive of cultural experiences in the community," Schwab said. "The College's mission is designed to expose students and community members to a wide degree of cultural opportunities; this concert is one of those opportunities."

"The orchestra does not perform a certain type of music, or music within a specific time period. Each director has their own characteristics which they portray through their

A NIGHT OF MUSIC



The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will make a return appearance to Taylor Auditorium May 3 after its last performance in February of 1988. Tickets to the performance, which was scheduled after the cancellation of the Symphony's international tour, went on sale April 3.

music. Some directors enjoy classical while others prefer more contemporary artists. The orchestra creates the feeling through the interpretation which they bring to the music."

The symphony's international tour was cancelled due to the Persian Gulf crisis.

"The main reasons for cancellation of the concert were respect for the soldiers serving in the Gulf and

a fear of terrorist attacks during their travel," Schwab said.

The symphony had planned to travel throughout eastern Europe, performing at Frankfurt and several other well-known cities. After cancelling the tour, the orchestra went on to perform throughout Missouri for the past two months.

"There has been some positive talk concerning the reinstatement of the

international tour now that things in the Gulf have settled down," said Schwab.

Tickets for the May 3 concert went on sale April 3. Ticket sales and information concerning the performance is available by calling 625-9366 between 1 and 8 p.m., or 625-0360 any time.

Ticket prices are \$18, \$15, and \$10. There will not be a student dis-

count due to the low price being charged for the tickets. In addition to the regular seating, a patron ticket may be purchased for \$50 per person. The patron ticket offers a pre-concert buffet, preferred seating, and a program listing.

The concert is being presented by ProMusica with the help of seven major sponsors.

Debaters to tackle poverty

A Harvard graduate and author of books on literacy, Jonathan Kozol, will be shown debating live via satellite at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 201 of Matthews Hall.

Southern's debate team is sponsoring the video-conference which features Kozol and supply side economist George Gilder debating American poverty issues with the debate team from Fordham University.

According to Fordham literature, the debate should be of interest to those involved in economics, political science, social sciences, government, forensics, and college debate teams.

The debate concerns implementing an anti-poverty policy in the United States. Statistics show that one out of every five American children live under the poverty level. Other concerns include this country's increasing homelessness, hunger, illness, and illiteracy, all complicated by cutbacks in social services.

Opinions clashing over poverty include creating new social programs despite little funding versus the idea that free societies have no responsibility to citizens for socialist-type aid.

Fliers for the conference, titled "Children in Poverty: What's to be Done," ask the question, "Are food, housing, health care, and education the responsibility of the individual or society to provide?"

Due to a live telephone hook-up, viewers may call to ask the speakers questions about the topics debated.

Kozol has taught in segregated schools, lived in the ghetto, and written about adult literacy and minority education in the United States. *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America*, based on interviews with the homeless in New York City, is Kozol's latest work.

Author of *Wealth and Poverty*, George Gilder, an associate of the Manhattan Institute, believes America "should modify its course to acquire more wealth and avoid falling deeper into poverty."

Four-state talent search to begin auditions

Competition aims to find 'hottest amateur talent' in area

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Dreaming of making it big in the entertainment business is one thing. Making it is quite another.

But now a door has opened, if only a crack, for hopefuls in the four-state area. The Barry-Lawrence County Ambulance District and the Concerned Young Adults for a Better America are planning their version of *Star Search*.

According to Marlin Matchett, administrator of the ambulance district, an official date has not been set

for preliminary auditions of the first annual Four-State Area Stars talent search. Steve Hill, president of Concerned Young Adults, said they will be held sometime in June at Borrowed Money, Sixth and Joplin, in Joplin, with quarterfinals held in host city Monett.

Hill said the purpose of the competition will be to find the "hottest amateur talent in the four-state area."

"One thing I've always said is everybody can't play basketball or be a genius at math, but maybe they've worked at music all through high school and never got a chance," Hill said. "This could be a spring board for

them, and hopefully we'll discover some stars from this area."

The winners of the competition will be awarded an expense-paid round trip to Chicago, a chance to give a live performance, an introduction to a talent agent, and a video promotion package.

Funding for the prizes will be generated by a \$100 entry fee per person, and through area organizations which have been given the opportunity to underwrite the event or sponsor a contestant in exchange for promotion. The Barry-Lawrence County Ambulance District has been backing the project financially thus far.

"Steve Hill presented this idea to us,"

Matchett said. "He's been wanting to do this for several years, but it takes a lot of work."

"This is also somewhat of a fundraiser for the ambulance district. The money we receive will go toward the purchase of new equipment."

Entrants are offered seven groups and 21 categories in which to compete, including:

- Bands (three artists or more, must include lyrics);
- Comedy (male, female, or two artists or more);
- Vocals (male, female, duets, or three artists or more);
- Modeling (male, female);
- Instrumental (male, female, duets, three artists or more);

■ Dancing (male, female, two artists, three artists or more);

■ Rap (male, female, two artists or more).

Judging will be based on costumes, performance, and audience response.

"I think they will choose about three winners," Matchett said. "We're going to try to get Monett businessmen, city officials, and local celebrities, such as radio personalities, to judge the quarterfinals."

Those interested should send their names, addresses, phone numbers, and ages, along with notice of category selection and a photo of all contestants within the group, by May 15 to: Four-State Production, 106 Hillview Dr., Joplin, MO 64804.

Autobiography describes plight of 50s and 60s black ballplayers

Henry Aaron's book a must for baseball fans

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I Had a Hammer, by Henry Aaron, (333 pages; Harper-Collins; \$21.95)

Every baseball fan has a favorite memory of Henry Aaron.

For some, it is the night in Atlanta in 1974 when Aaron sent an Al Downing pitch over the fence to break Babe Ruth's all-time home-run record. For others, it is the Milwaukee Braves' 1957 world championship; a year in which Aaron was named the National League's Most Valuable Player. Robert Driscoll, a boyhood friend of Aaron, has a different memory.

"The way I can still see Henry is like this. We'd be having a game on Saturday, and he was late most of the time, because his mother would have him doing chores."

"After a couple of innings, you'd look out and see him running across that cornfield. He had a path beaten through that field with vines growing up on either side. You'd see his head bobbing up and down over that corn, and in a few seconds everybody knew that Henry was coming."

"And whoever was batting for our team, he would just lay that bat on the ground, because Henry was going to pinch-hit. I know, because it happened to me many times."

Aaron's book *I Had a Hammer* is

recommended reading for both the baseball fan and the concerned citizen; it is required reading for those who are both.

The slugger's memories are blended with those of Driscoll and others to create a clear image of the struggle facing black players in the 1950s and 60s.

Aaron, with co-author Lonnie Wheeler, traces the path of his life from his upbringing in Mobile, Ala., during the Depression, through his long and historic Major League career with the Braves and Brewers.

Other black ballplayers who paved the way for an integrated game provide their recollections. Not only of Aaron, but of the adventures and injustices they faced in the days and years following Jackie Robinson's debut in 1947.

This is the book's greatest strength. Aaron and Wheeler bring the reality of the early days of sports integration to an entirely new generation of fans. The importance of this is underscored by the recent problems minorities have faced in securing top management positions in professional sports.

Although the color line has been broken, the prejudice and persecution of blacks remain. Aaron, through his narrative and the contributions of those included in the book, brings the reality home and shows readers how different players faced different situations.

A former Pittsburgh radio personality and columnist for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, Mal Goode, recalls

Aaron's response to discrimination.

"I'll tell you what stands out most about Aaron," said Goode. "I don't know where he got the idea, coming from Mobile, Ala., but Henry Aaron believed innately that he was as good as anybody."

"He'd let you know right now if there was any indication that somebody was trying to discriminate against him. If you went to a counter and somebody was giving slow service, he was sensitive about it. He'd say, 'When you gonna wait on me?' [Willie] Mays was timid about that sort of thing, but not Henry Aaron."

Color should have been a non-issue, but tragically, it was not. The story of the hate mail Aaron received is one of the book's saddest passages. He was called "nigger," and his life was threatened.

His courage in shouldering the burden of prejudice and racism in pursuit of excellence is a credit to all mankind. Aaron, now an Atlanta Braves executive, realizes baseball has come far, but likewise understands it still has further to go.

"Maybe the day will come when I can sit back and be content with the changes that have taken place in America, or, at least, in my part of it, which is baseball," he says.

"Maybe in a few years, baseball won't need somebody like me anymore. But until that day comes, I intend to stay in the batter's box—I don't let the big guys push me out anymore—and keep hammering away."

Coming Attractions

MUSIC

Joplin

"Nelson": With special guest "House of Lords"; 8 p.m. April 19, Joplin Memorial Hall; Tickets-\$17.50; 623-3254

Jeff King: Senior vocal recital; 7:30 p.m. Tonight; Taylor Auditorium

Symphonic Band Concert: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18; Taylor Auditorium

Springfield

The Samaris Piano Trio: Wednesday; SMSU Theater, Dance, and Music Department; 836-5979

Orchestra Concert: Evangel College Orchestra; Monday; Chapel Auditorium; 965-2811, Ext. 211

Tulsa

Tulsa Philharmonic Classics Concert: Featuring award-winning cellist Colin Carr; Tonight; Chapman Music Hall, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 747-PHIL

Kansas City

Betty Carter & Trio: 8 p.m. Saturday; Folly Theatre; 474-4444

Missouri Brass Quintet: 7:30 p.m., April 18; White Recital Hall; 235-2700

St. Louis

Engelbert Humperdinck: 8 p.m. Tonight; Fox Theatre; Tickets-\$21.90 and \$19.90; 314-535-2900

Michael W. Smith: Contemporary Christian performer, with guest artists, Christian rap group "DC Talk"; 8 p.m. Tomorrow; Fox Theatre; Tickets-\$17.50 and \$13.50; 314-534-1111

ART

Joplin

41st Spiva Annual Art Exhibit: Thru Sunday; Closed Mondays; Spiva Art Center; 623-0183

Springfield

"Recent Work": By Susi Etlinger; Thru Sunday; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

"Senior Show": Tomorrow thru April 24; Drury College, Cox Art Gallery; 865-8731, Ext. 263

Tulsa

"The Landscape in 20th Century American Art: Selections from the Metropolitan Museum of Art"; Sunday thru June 9; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

Italian Drawings: "St. Jerome Writing", and "Seated Male Nude"; Thru April 28; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

George Bellows Lithographs: 35 work exhibition; Thru June 3; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-748-5314

St. Louis

"Totovah": Exhibit of Hopi Indian culture; Thru April 27; Gateway Arch Museum; 425-4465

Moon Rock Exhibit: Retrieved during Apollo 15 flight; Thru April 30; St. Louis Science Center; 289-4400

Photographic Light Boxes: By Alfredo Jaar; Thru April 30; Laumeier Sculpture Park; 821-1209

"The Little Top": Exhibit of dolls and circus toys; Thru April 30; St. Louis Carousel; 889-3356

THEATRE

Springfield

"Ozarks Stories": Storytelling by Wayne Holmes, Ozarks folklorist, Barry County goat farmer, and Drury professor; Drury College; 865-8731

"Coming Through the Rye": April 18-20; Evangel College; 865-2811, Ext. 365

Tulsa

"The Little Foxes": Drama by Lillian Hellman; Today thru Sunday, and April 18 thru 20; Howard Auditorium, Oral Roberts University; 495-6154

"The Barber of Seville": Performed by the Tulsa Opera; Saturday and Sunday; Williams Theatre, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-744-1113

"The Cocktail Hour": A comedy by A.R. Gurney, Jr.; April 18-20, 26-28; Heller Theatre; 918-743-1218

Kansas City

"The Valkyrie": 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow; Lyric Opera, Music Hall; 816-471-7344

"Beau Jest": Thru Sunday; Tiffany's Altic Dinner Playhouse; 561-7529

"Camille": 7:30 p.m. Thursdays thru Sundays, 3:30 p.m. Sundays; Thru April 28; Martin City Melodrama and Vaudeville; 942-7576

St. Louis

"One Mo Time": Song and dance tribute to black vaudeville; April 18-30; 23rd Street Theatre; 534-3807

Miami City Ballet: April 19 and 20; Fox Theatre; 652-5000



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Student traffic forces repairs

Newman Road to be resurfaced

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

Although Missouri Southern students may not have noticed a problem with the surface of Newman Road or 32nd Street, state highway department officials have.

The Missouri Highway and Transportation Department is taking steps to rebuild both roads, according to Larry Whiteside, resident engineer. "At this point, Newman Road is a little bit rough," said Whiteside. "What folks will find is that it'll be a whole lot smoother riding surface once the project is completed."

"It also benefits the department to restructure those roads, because there is so much maintenance. There are a lot of cracks that we have to go out and seal. In fact, it may be more for our maintenance benefit than for the public. They probably think that it's a pretty good road, but the maintenance costs are pretty high on it."

Whiteside said when Newman Road was widened to four lanes in 1976, it was designed for a smaller traffic load than it now carries. A major reason for the restructuring is the enrollment increase at Missouri Southern, according to Whiteside. The College's enrollment has risen from 3,748 in 1976 to more than 6,000 now.

"When it was originally paved back in the '70s, they expected a 20- or 25-year lifespan out of it," he said.

"And the way it was designed back then has a lot to do with how fast it wore out. It was designed for a junior college's traffic load. Then that junior college became a pretty large state college, and the traffic load really increased."

Growth at the city level is what hastened the decision to restructure 32nd Street, Whiteside added.

"Yeah, it was about the same with 32nd Street," he said. "There's been a lot of new businesses, a lot of new housing developments in the last 20 years, and traffic has picked up."

Although the roads may not appear in need of work to the average person, Whiteside said taking care of small bumps in them now may save the department headaches further down the road.

"To a lot of people, these roads are in good shape, but for highways, they're not," he said. "They have a lot of bumps, and when a big truck hits a bump, even a small bump, he's going to come back down with quite a bit of impact on the road and tear it up."

Work on the roadways include cold-milling, a process in which the old asphalt is removed from the road, and applying a layer of new asphalt. Howard Construction Company, a Sedalia, Mo., firm, has been hired as general contractor for the project, scheduled to begin around July 1. Whiteside said the job would be finished by Aug. 1, in time for the start of the fall semester at Southern.

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE



JOHN FORD/The Chart

A construction crew works to demolish the old Elms Shopping Center at Seventh and Range Line. The center and the adjacent Missouri Highway Department building were purchased by the Woodmont Corporation of Fort Worth, Texas. The company will build a new center.

North Point complex slated to replace old Elms Center

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

Demolition work, long awaited by city officials, has begun on the old Elms Shopping Center.

A Diamond, Mo., construction firm has been working this week tearing down the center, which city officials in the past had deemed an eyesore. The city has been involved in the project for the past 18 months, forwarding \$250,000 for the demolition of the Seventh Street viaduct and construction of a five-lane road. The Elms Center has been vacant

since 1985, when Consumers Market left the center because of poor accessibility to the store. The market constructed a new store less than a mile away at 2200 E. Seventh Street. The center also housed Skagg's, which relocated north of Northpark Mall and now is defunct.

According to Kevin Manard, a local realtor who handled the sale of the building, the demolition will make way for a new shopping center housing two stores.

Land for the planned shopping center, North Point, was purchased by the Woodmont Corporation of Fort Worth, Texas, and will be devel-

oped in stages, the last to be completed in 1993. It will include two major retail stores, Toys R Us and Phar-Mor, which Manard described as being a "pharmacy and more." Toys R Us will be housed in a 45,000 square-foot building, while the pharmacy will take up 65,000 square feet.

Manard said Woodmont had contacted a third major retailer about locating to the site, and although the retailer had expressed interest in coming to Joplin, Manard would not disclose the store's name since plans were not finalized.

"We do know that they're working with other major retailers, and those

will be announced later," said Harold McCoy, Joplin's director of public works. "I think the project will make Joplin more attractive."

"We've been actively involved in the project for 18 months. I feel that the redevelopment of the property is very important."

In addition to the two stores, 45,000 square feet of additional floor space will be housed in an adjacent building.

"It has the capacity for 45 shops," said Manard. "But we probably won't have that many. Some of the stores will have larger spaces than 1,000 square feet, I'm sure."

"On average, I'd guess we'd have about 30 shops, with an average floor space of 1,500 square feet apiece."

Two properties were purchased for the venture: the Elms Center and the Missouri Highway Department building, adjacent to the Elms Center on Fourth and Range Line. While the Highway Department building sold for \$2,025,000, Manard would not disclose the selling price for the Elms Center.

"It's an undisclosed purchase price, unfortunately, and I'd love to tell you, but I can't," Manard said. "I can tell you that the Elms Center

was pretty high dollar.

"It sold for approximately what the seller (Kurt Reisch, a Costa Mesa, Calif., real estate broker) was asking for it. He was pretty stubborn about that."

Like many other city business leaders, Manard said the development of this property would be a boon to Joplin's economy.

"It would certainly make Joplin a more rigorous competitor with Springfield and Kansas City," he said. "It would make us a more regional shopping district."

Area man wants films shot locally

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Walter Watkins wants to spur economic development in southwest Missouri, and he thinks movies may be the ticket.

Watkins, a commercial and news production assistant at KOLR-10 in Springfield, currently is talking with chamber of commerce and convention and visitors bureau officials in

Springfield, Joplin, and Branson. He is attempting to establish a regional film commission that would attract filmmakers to the area.

"This area is being overlooked as far as film projects are concerned," Watkins said. "I don't see any reason why our area couldn't benefit from what we've been losing out on."

In 1990 the Disney Channel movie *Back to Hannibal* and *White Palace*, starring James Spader and Susan Sarandon, put \$12.2 million into the

St. Louis economy. Watkins said the latest Stephen King film was filmed on location near Kansas City and was estimated to have pumped \$2.5 million into the area economy.

"Lately, a lot of attention is going to St. Louis and Kansas City," he said. "It's simply a matter of letting filmmakers know we're here. We have all the things big cities can offer and more."

An undertaking such as this, according to Watkins, is no small pro-

ject. He is conducting research to demonstrate a need for the commission, but his proposals have not yet received any definite feedback.

Tracey Osborne, executive director of the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau, believes the commission could help the area.

"I think if the area got behind it and the organization was set up correctly it could be an economic boost," she said. "Films usually involve some type of construction which may

mean hiring local contractors. Crew and cast stay in local hotels, and local production crews sometime get involved, too. That adds up to a pretty significant impact."

Watkins said the interest among city officials is there, but there is still some question as to how funding can be secured. He estimated the annual budget for the project at \$62,000 and intends to fill the executive director post himself.

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DWI coalition stages rally

Groups support tougher legislation

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As House and Senate drunk-driving measures enter their first week of debate, representatives of more than 50 special interest groups massed at the State Capitol Tuesday to urge support.

The rally, organized by the Missouri Coalition Against Drunk Driving, was held to recognize political allies of the group and to lobby for additional support.

Speaking at the event were Gov. John Ashcroft, Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City), Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield), and Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia).

Ashcroft, a long-time supporter of tougher drunk-driving legislation, suggested several reforms to Missouri's current laws in his State of the State speech in January. At the rally, Ashcroft commended legislators who had followed through on his suggestions.

Wiggins, the sponsor of drunk-driving legislation in the Senate which was recently approved by a unanimous vote, spoke at the rally to refute the arguments offered by opponents of stricter legislation.

"I challenge the hypocrisy of those in this state who say this law, and I'll call it my law because I wrote it in

its present form, will hurt tourism," Wiggins said. "This is outrageous nonsense."

"Who wants intoxicated tourists careening through strange streets and innocent neighborhoods?" he asked. "Nobody but those whose greedy little paws grab up the profits and turn them loose on the streets to kill and maim."

According to Dick Rice, director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the most controversial provisions of Wiggins' bill is the state-wide open container law and municipal enhancement measure which would require municipal drunk-driving convictions to count against a driver's record for the purpose of imposing stricter penalties.

Currently in Missouri, Rice said, a motorist could "drive down I-70 drinking out of a scotch bottle" due to the fact there is no law against open containers in the state. He said, however, the bill is not aimed at stopping people from drinking.

"I'm not a teetotaler," Rice said. "This is not a teetotaler's bill. I just don't drink and drive."

Rice compared drunk-driving casualties to terrorist killing, saying no one would tolerate such killings and likewise should not tolerate drunk driving. He said the legislation was important to the state to lower the "senseless, stupid, criminal deaths" that take place.

"There's a certain feeling among some people that no one should tell

people what to do," he said. "But the fact of the matter is that people are being killed."

Although Wiggins' bill would restrict Missourians from drinking while driving, it would not prohibit open containers altogether in that passengers still could drink.

"To get a strict open container law is very difficult to do," Rice said.

Also speaking at the rally was Bill Botten, a representative of the Heads Up program in Kansas City. Heads Up provides educational programs concerning the dangers of drunk driving and drug use. Botten, who was involved in a one-car drunk-driving accident in 1983 and is paralyzed from the waist down, spoke to the need of tougher laws to reduce the incidence of drunk driving.

"I feel that if stricter legislation would have been more of a deterrent, I might not be in a wheelchair today," Botten said.

Botten said he had been stopped for drunk driving previous to his accident but had not been convicted.

After the rally, participants met with legislators to lobby for support. According to Lana Adcock, a safety specialist with the Missouri Division of Highway Safety, the coalition decided to stage the rally to coincide with work on Wiggins' legislation.

"Support for this is at its peak right now," Adcock said. "The coalition has been working on this for six or nine months to gather support."

TEACHING A LESSON



Bill Botten, 32, of Kansas City, was involved in a drunk-driving accident in 1983, which left him paralyzed. Botten, a member of the Heads Up program, now lectures about the dangers of drinking. Botten also spoke at the DWI rally in the Capitol rotunda Tuesday.

STEPHEN MOORE/The Chart

Higher Education Briefs

Senate delays regents choice

► The appointment of a new member to the Southwest Missouri State University Board of Regents has been delayed by the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee.

William Schatz was named by Gov. John Ashcroft to a Democratic slot on the six-person board, but area legislators and others have opposed the nomination. Opponents claim that Schatz is a Republican and that he worked against a school tax levy in February to relieve overcrowded classrooms in Republic.

The Senate committee was to consider his nomination this week, but postponed action so Schatz could talk to all 10 members individually.

Draughon fined for student loans

► Draughon Business College, which has branches in Joplin, Springfield, and Independence, lost its eligibility to receive student loans Dec. 19.

Draughon also was fined \$375,000 by the U.S. Department of Education for "serious violations" of federal student loan rules. The Springfield News-Leader reported in a copyright story April 5.

Draughon offers mostly one-year diploma programs, with training in secretarial, accounting, and computer skills. The Joplin school, which has 160 students, will be closed this week and next.

Owners are attempting to sell all three locations.

OTC trustees postpone vote

► The Board of Trustees at Heart of the Ozarks Community-Technical College has postponed action on approving an associate of arts degree in the OTC curriculum.

The proposal would enable students to transfer credits to a four-year college. A leader in the drive to establish OTC, however, has opposed the program because he thinks it will duplicate offerings of area four-year schools and take away from OTC's technical mission.

The proposed associate of arts degree would have 42 hours of general education classes and 20 hours of technical courses. A public hearing on the proposal has been set for Thursday, April 18 in Springfield.

OTC will open its doors in September.

Committee OKs start-up funding

► The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$181,000 in start-up funding for a \$36 million convention center in Springfield. The item is part of a \$9 billion budget package expected to go before the full Senate next week.

Springfield and Southwest Missouri State University are asking the state to pay for half the project over the next 30 years. SMSU would pay one-fourth of the convention center cost through a ticket surcharge and other sources of revenue.

The 12,000- to 13,000-seat center would allow the city to attract larger conventions, create new jobs, and generate new tax dollars.

Ashcroft to speak

► Gov. John Ashcroft will deliver the 1991 commencement address at Central Missouri State University.

Commencement exercises are set for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, in CMSU's Multipurpose Building.

SCCCC beats enrollment goal

College ready to move to new campus

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In only its fourth year of operation, St. Charles County Community College already is growing ahead of schedule.

When SCCC opened in 1987, college officials projected a student population of more than 3,500 by the 1991-92 school year. SCCC reached that mark this year.

Currently operating out of temporary facilities scattered throughout the St. Charles County area, the college anticipates a move to a permanent campus next spring. According to Dr. Donald Shook, president of SCCC, this move could mean an additional 1,000 students.

"We expect a continuation of growth," he said. "And, as a matter of fact, we expect a spurt in growth when we move to the new campus."

Currently, Shook said, SCCC serves an additional 3,000 students in non-credit courses. Shook believes this trend likely will continue. He said the college has a goal of 8,000 students taking credit courses.

The college was established five years ago to serve as a vocational-technical school for St. Charles County, an area Shook said is the fastest growing in the state. However, technical courses make up on-

ly 31 percent of its total offerings, a fact Shook said concerns him.

Part of the problem, he said, is the facilities in which the college operates. Among the venues utilized by the institution are a now-defunct independent two-year college, a former furniture store, a former drug store, and a building once used by General Motors as a training facility.

Shook said such temporary facilities make it difficult to offer technical courses.

"We're fortunate just to be able to find space in an ordinary classroom," he said, "and to come up with shop facilities was just absolutely out of the question."

Shook said the move to the new campus will provide the college with the opportunity to offer such courses.

"We're very anxious to make that move," he said. "We need to make that move. We've been in temporary facilities really too long."

The new campus was financed through a \$24 million bond issue. Construction is nearing completion on the buildings, which will be located on a 135-acre tract in Cottleville, a rural St. Charles County town. Shook said the construction of a four-lane highway in the area has made the campus accessible.

"We would not be there had it not been for the new road," he said. "We

have a real traffic congestion problem in the city because of rapid growth."

"So, it really was important for us to find a location where congestion was not a problem," Shook said.

One of the factors which SCCC is depending on for future growth, he said, is Sen. James Mathewson's (D-Sedalia) \$462 million educational funding and reform package.

"We have said that if that funding comes through, we will put in place technical programs we know are needed but simply cannot afford," he said.

Shook said the college would not offer the courses unless that money is available.

"We don't intend to offer them unless we can offer current, state-of-the-art equipment," he said, "and that is expensive."

Another concern of the institution, Shook said, is the number of full-time faculty members. Currently 57 percent of the college's faculty is full-time. Part-time instructors, he said, are cheaper and more plentiful and may have to be utilized at the college if greater funding is not approved.

"By and large, we would like to continue to increase our full-time faculty if the money is there," he said.

State implements logo sign program

Motorists in Missouri soon will have a menu to select from as they exit the state's highways.

A new program will provide for the placement of signs near highway exits which will display the logos of businesses near that exit. In the program, as many as four signs will be placed at each exit containing logos for fuel, food, lodging, and camping.

According to Wayne Muri, chief engineer for the Highway and Transportation Department, businesses will pay an annual fee of \$1,500 to have their logo displayed on the signs. This translates to an additional \$100,000 in revenue for the state's highway fund.

But the underlying reason for the program, Muri said, is safety. He said the signs will help prevent accidents at the exits.

"Motorists will get more information about what is available near interchanges and will be able to decide sooner whether or not to exit."

Muri said the fact that exit signs are the most frequently destroyed signs on highways points to the problem of indecision in exiting.

Prototypes of the signs have been in use near Blue Springs, St. Louis, and Marshfield; however, the official unveiling of the program took place Tuesday in Jefferson City.

Full implementation of the program is expected to take about two years with more than 1,400 businesses utilizing the signs.

According to Muri, the program provides a "win-win" situation in that businesses will be provided with additional advertising and motorists will be able to exit more safely.

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES



JOHN FORD/The Chart

(Left to right) Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), Rep. Galen Browning (R-Neosho), Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), and Robert Lamb, president of the Empire District Electric Company, gathered at the Holiday Inn in Joplin Friday to express support for the gubernatorial campaign of Attorney General Bill Webster. Webster is expected to announce his candidacy for the office early next year.

"It's easy when you're from southwest Missouri to be for Bill Webster," said Elliott. "Especially when he's our hometown favorite. We have a lot of folks all over the state who are getting on Bill's bandwagon. We're approaching almost 50 percent of the Missouri Republican House caucus who have signed the dotted line for Bill Webster."

Robert Lamb, president of the Empire District Electric Company, mentioned Webster's experience as being one of the assets he would

bring to the governor's office. "Many of us have known Bill Webster all of his life," said Lamb. "We watched him as he ably represented part of this area as a member of the General Assembly."

"It's time for the rest of the state to know what we have known for years, and that is that Bill Webster, with his vision and leadership, is the single best gubernatorial candidate to take Missouri through the 1990s."

Lamb said he also was impressed with Webster's financial support,

citing the more than \$1.4 million which has been raised for his gubernatorial campaign.

"All of the polls show that Bill is a winner," said Lamb. "He has tremendous grassroots support in the form of more than 2,000 people from all over Missouri who have already announced their commitment to his candidacy."

Lamb said the initial group would continue to grow as the campaign progresses.

"This group is attracting a lot of

people who know Bill Webster and know what a great governor he will make," Lamb said.

"I also want to point out that this effort is not to be critical to any of the others who are considering this race, but simply to demonstrate there is a very large unified group who believe it is Bill Webster who is the best candidate to lead Missouri as governor."

Webster is the son of the late Sen. Richard M. Webster (R-Carhage), a 40-year veteran of Missouri politics.

Webster gains local backing

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

A grassroots organization formed by 163 area civic, business, and Republican political leaders has come together in support of the candidacy of William Webster for Missouri governor.

The group, a local branch of the Team Missouri organization, includes former Congressman Gene Taylor and the entire Republican House and Senate delegations from Jasper and Newton counties. Included are Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) and state representatives Gary Burton (R-Joplin), Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), Galen Browning (R-Neosho), and Mark Elliott (R-Webb City).

Missouri Southern's James Maupin, dean of the school of technology, and Dr. Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, are included in the group, as is Doug Crandall, a member of the Board of Regents.

Although Webster has not officially announced his gubernatorial candidacy, the group expects him to do so early next year.

A media conference announcing formation of the group was held in the Joplin Holiday Inn Friday afternoon. Attending the conference were representatives from both delegations, as well as civic leaders and members of the press.

Staying home with kids not enough for Wecker

English major attends school for 'personal fulfillment'

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Being home with the kids was not enough for this full-time student and mother.

"Staying home with the kids was getting real stale," said Jennie Wecker, junior English major. "I needed to do something with myself."

In 1982, when her third child was two, Wecker began attending Missouri Southern for "personal fulfillment."

When she started college, she was actually enrolled in the school of business. Wecker said her husband, Ed, had encouraged her in this area because he was in it himself. She received an associate degree in accounting before realizing that she did not like it. In fact, her least favorite class in college was Micro Economics.

"I could not comprehend that stuff," she said.

Introduction to Literature so far has been her favorite class.

"I think that was the class where I found out that English was what I wanted to do," said Wecker. "I've always been interested in literature and such because I love to read."

After graduating from Southern, Wecker plans to receive her master's degree at Pittsburg State University and teaching at the college level. Presently, she has senior status at Southern, but due to switching her major, she only has junior status in the English department. But Wecker believes it was worth it.

"I'm much happier now, doing English."

Wecker said she did not go to college right after high school because she almost immediately married and started a family. She also says that at the time going to college was not as popular as today.

"Back then, in the 70s, I don't think a college education was required near as much as now," she said. "Especially for women."

Wecker says she misses her husband, who is a vice president of operations for display technologies, during his frequent travels between home, New York, and Chicago.

Wecker said her three children do not mind her being in college.

"They don't seem to mind at all, outside the fact that they have to help with chores," she said.

Wecker serves as assistant editor of Southern's literary arts magazine,

The Winged Lion, but spends most of her free time with her children.

However, she will be taking three weeks off this summer to travel with a group of Southern students to Oxford. She said she did not expect to be selected for the trip.

"I only did it to see if I could do it," she said, laughing.

When she applied for the program, she was told she would be notified by early January if she was selected. When she did not receive an acceptance letter by that time, she started making other summer plans. It surprised her when an acceptance letter came in late January.

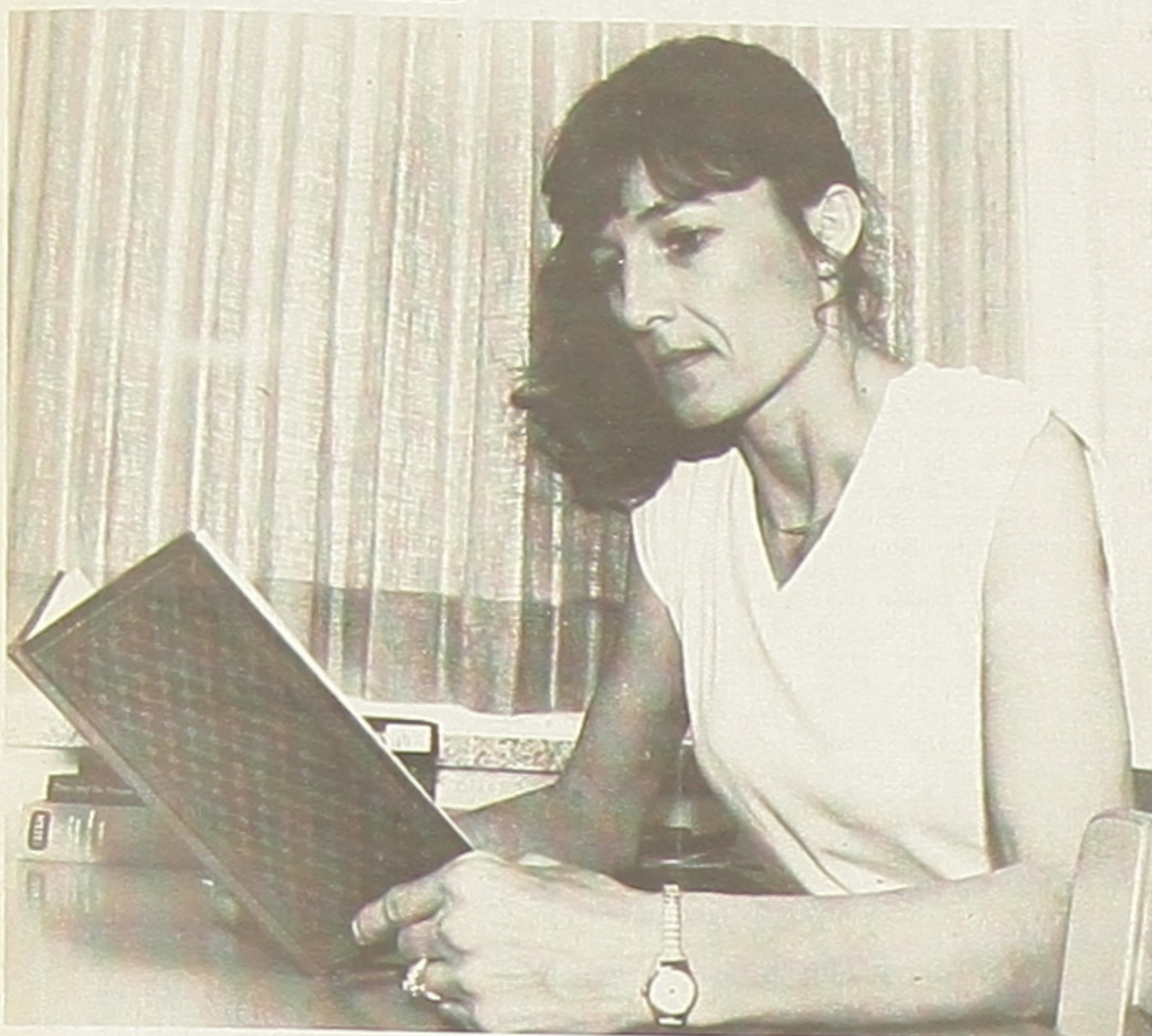
"Everything was put on hold," she said. "I didn't know whether to laugh or cry."

During her stay in Oxford she hopes to obtain new ideas and methods of teaching that she can use later as an instructor. After the three-week program is over, her family plans to meet her in England and vacation for one week.

Between school, activities, and her family, Wecker said stress has a habit of affecting her.

"There are times when I want to shuck everything, crawl under a rock, and let the world go by."

TIME FOR A READ



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Jennie Wecker, junior English major, decided to return to school after spending all her time at home with her children. She is the assistant editor for *The Winged Lion*, Southern's literary arts magazine.

Davis counting the days before she makes her move

BY RACHEL ALUMBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Lotus 1-2-3 and As-Easy-As are just two of the programs that an accounting major uses to prepare for a corporate career.

Dawnetta Davis, senior accounting major, is counting the days until her corporate dream comes true.

"As a certified public accountant, I will be responsible for assets, liabilities, and bookkeeping for income tax," said Davis. "The area that intrigues me the most is bookkeeping."

After gaining hands-on experience, she would like to specialize in the bookkeeping aspect at a large, private corporation in Kansas City or St. Louis.

While working in the accounting department of a private firm, Davis plans to return to school and pursue a master's degree in taxation.

"When I receive my degree in taxation, I wouldn't mind working for the IRS," she said. "I would like to be someone who helps people do their taxes correctly, not audit them after they make a mistake."

She already is helping others in the area. Through a program called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Davis helps the elderly prepare their taxes free.

"I enjoy VITA because it makes me feel good to use my knowledge in a productive manner."

Davis, a transfer student from the University of Missouri-Rolla, chose Missouri Southern over Evangel Col-

ADDING UP THE NUMBERS



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Dawnetta Davis, senior accounting major, said she would like to work in either Kansas City or St. Louis.

lege and Southwest Missouri State University because of its similarity to the actual accounting positions available.

"This is one of the few schools that gives you the opportunity to use the

software and techniques that are a basic part of every corporation," said Davis. "Southern also brings in a large group of recruiters to help in the search for a job."

She believes Southern really tries to add a more personal touch to make its students feel prepared to enter the job market.

Another reason she came to Southern was to get away from home and learn to become more independent

During the summer and on weekends, her job at a car dealership took her to several cities throughout the United States.

"I would drive to places like St. Louis, Oklahoma, and Indiana to pick up a car and bring it back to the dealership," said Davis. "It was a great way to visit places that I've always wanted to see."

One of her trips almost ended in disaster when she was preparing to

"When I receive my degree in taxation, I wouldn't mind working for the IRS. I would like to be someone who helps people do their taxes correctly, not audit them after they make a mistake."

—Dawnetta Davis, senior accounting major

and take on a greater amount of responsibility.

Davis thinks her job as a student assistant in the residence halls has helped her achieve both goals.

"You are responsible for at least 20 other people," she said. "You have to make decisions in an instant based on what you think is the correct answer."

When Davis isn't filling out tax forms or helping one of "her girls," she enjoys bowling, reading, and travel.

leave for the airport. Davis had planned to board a flight for San Francisco when the October 1989 earthquake struck.

"I really wanted to go to San Francisco, but the announcement about the earthquake really shook me up."

Whether she is in a business suit or her traveling clothes, Davis believes she will always be the happiest where ever she has friends.

Housh's solace comes via religion

BY TROY COMEAU
CHART REPORTER

Helping people in need is what sophomore Lori Housh wants to do with her life.

"I wanted to be a chiropractor, then I decided on physical therapy because I met a lot of people in need," she said. "If you look at them and how they are struggling every day, your problems are nothing."

Housh, a pre-medicine major, believes everyone needs a shoulder to lean on.

"I think that true life is found in Him and it is a gift, so we should make the lives of those around us as good as possible by sharing our lives with them," she said. "Everyone needs somebody, and you could be that somebody."

Not only does she want to help people through therapy, she also wants to teach swimming.

"I have several swimming trophies from the past," she said. "Now I am a lifeguard at the Carthage Municipal Pool, and I would like to teach swimming classes to kids this summer."

THE EXPERIMENT



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Lori Housh, sophomore pre-medicine major, said she decided her career based on people she had met who were in need of help.

Housh, who has lived in Carthage all of her life, said in her free time she likes to play tennis, swim, or spend time with friends.

She chose Missouri Southern because it was close to home.

"I didn't want to move away from home," she said. "This made the transition easier because I knew people. Everyone faces loneliness in college, and it is nice to know people."

Housh has found the instructors at the college level different than she expected.

"I expected the instructors to be hard, but they were more than eager to help," she said. "For some reason this really surprised me."

Housh, who was the No. 3 player on the Carthage High School tennis team, says she misses playing tennis as a sport.

Art student ready for responsibility

BY BRYAN MEARES
CHART REPORTER

He did not mind being elected president of one of the newest organizations on campus. But the president and co-founder of Missouri Southern's branch of the American Advertising Federation is accustomed to taking responsibility.

Gregory B. Willson, senior graphic communications major, is spending his final month working on projects for graduation. He spends much of his day in the art department.

Speaking of his newly elected status, Willson said, "The only reason I accepted was because I knew I would have been involved anyway."

Describing the AAF, Willson said, "It's the only national organization specifically directed for advertising and related fields."

He also believes "the organization will round out a person's education by giving the student a look at the field from a professional point of view."

Students will be able to participate in activities including guest speakers, seminars, and direct contact with professionals in the field.

In addition to his efforts in the AAF, Willson was art director of the *Crossroads*. He designed much of the yearbook's artwork, including the cover.

Willson now is preparing for the upcoming senior art exhibit, which runs April 21 through May 1 at the

HARD AT WORK



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Gregory Willson, senior graphic communications major, is president of the College's chapter of the American Advertising Foundation.

Spiva Art Gallery.

One of four seniors involved in the show, Willson explains that it is "where we strut our stuff."

"It'll showcase the best of my work since I've been in school," he said.

"I never had any art until I started college, never—not even in high

school," he said. "A friend encouraged me to get my art requirement out of the way."

After that initial contact with the art field, Willson realized that was what he wanted to do.

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else."

Lions remain undefeated in MIAA

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The baseball Lions maintained their winning ways last weekend in sweeping a three-game series from MIAA foe University of Missouri-Rolla.

The Lions (32-7, 9-0) took the measure of the Miners (2-18-1, 0-9) 7-2 in the opener behind senior Ken Grundt (7-1). Grundt pitched seven innings in the opener, allowing two runs on seven hits.

Missouri Southern took the second game 11-2 behind junior Tim Luther (6-1), who scattered five hits.

"They didn't try to hit the ball that hard; they just tried to make contact," said Luther. "They made contact so I didn't get a lot of strikeouts."

Southern completed the sweep by edging UMR 4-3 in the final game. Junior Chuck Pittman increased his record to 6-3 by pitching the complete game. He allowed six hits, including only two over the final six innings.

Before this conference sweep, the Lions also had defeated Southwest Baptist and Missouri-St. Louis.

The Lions have won 32 of their last 34 contests in moving up to fourth in the NCAA Division II rankings. Southern couldn't be happier about the national attention.

"I love it," said junior shortstop David Fisher, who was seven for 12 with five RBIs last weekend. "We deserve the ranking. We have beaten some of the top teams around, and I think we should be ranked where we are, if not higher."

Southern holds a one-and-a-half game lead in the MIAA South Division over Southeast Missouri State, 7-1.

"Southeast is always a really good club," said senior rightfielder Tony Tichy, who scored two runs and drove in two in the final game at Rolla. "They will be a tough team to beat since we will be playing them on the road. I hate that six-hour drive down there."

Southern will look for revenge today as it takes on the fourth-ranked team in the NAIA in Oral Roberts University. The first game of the doubleheader will begin at 2 p.m. at Joe Becker Stadium. The Lions will try to avenge a pair of losses at ORU on Feb. 23.

"It's a great opportunity for us to play ORU at home," said Warren

Turner, head coach. "They are nationally ranked in the NAIA."

"We are getting a chance to pitch some guys who don't get a lot of work. So it will be a chance to get them some good experience."

Southern will start sophomore righthander Jeremy Beres (2-0) in the first game today. Beres' last start was a five-inning no-hitter against Buena Vista College in the Leroy Wilson Classic. Junior righthander Randy Curry (3-0) will start the nightcap for the Lions.

"We are going to try to get some revenge," said Tichy. "We won't have [reliever Darren] Gaffney, and we are pitching guys who haven't seen as much action as they deserve. ORU is a tough team, and it's great that we can play them on our own field."

The playoff picture still is a week

from being set, but it appears that Southern will be in the post-season tournament and possibly even host to the South Division games.

"If we sweep Pittsburg State this weekend, we are in the playoffs," said Tichy. "If SBU beats SEMO one game this weekend, that would give us a two-and-a-half game lead."

"I have every hope we can be first or second in the South if we keep playing the way we have been," said Turner. "Even if we're not a conference winner, with our record we could get an [NCAA] at-large bid. And from there, with some breaks, we could get into the World Series."

The Lions will wrap up their home games for the regular season this weekend against PSU with a single game at 6 p.m. tomorrow and a 1 p.m. doubleheader Saturday.



T.R. HANRAHAN

Athletes' grades on the upside

Officials in Southern's athletic department told me this week that athletes often make better students and citizens than non-athletes.

Although as a former high school wrestler I think sports build character, I was ready to dismiss those statements as so much rah-rah until I realized something. They had a pretty good point.

While interviewing Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, for a story on the graduation rates of athletes, I was given the opportunity to peruse *Light and Shadows on College Athletics*, a publication of the U.S. Department of Education.

What I found was some fascinating figures. For instance:

■ At the age of 32, ex-varsity football and basketball players have the highest rate of home ownership and the lowest rate of unemployment of all groups, along with earnings above the mean for all former four-year college students.

From this, the publication concluded that "Given the fact that a relatively high percentage of these athletes came from low socioeconomic status backgrounds, these data suggest that a high degree of economic mobility correlates with participation in varsity sports."

Frazier and the other coaches I spoke with pointed out some other interesting evidence to support the hypothesis.

Among the most significant are (based on the most recent data available):

■ The athletic department graduated 59 percent of the freshmen athletic class of 1983. The rate for Missouri Southern as a whole over the same period was 34 percent.

This would suggest that the athletic department is doing something right when it comes to academic progress.

■ The average composite ACT score of incoming freshmen athletes is 21. The average campus-wide is 20.4.

True, there is not much difference here, but failing to fail the athletes continues to uphold the coaches' case.

■ The total cumulative grade-point average for athletes is 2.81.

Even with the schedules many of these student/athletes maintain during the season and off-season, they still come close to a 'B' average. Most students would be proud of that GPA. Thirteen athletes achieved a 4.0 during the fall semester of 1989.

■ As of January 1990, there were 103 students involved in the honors program. Ten of those students were athletes. That means athletes comprise almost 10 percent of the honors program. Another plus for the jocks.

■ The disbursement of athletes among schools of the College is fairly even. The school of business includes 61 athletes; the school of education and psychology, 44; the school of technology, 31; the school of arts and sciences, 28. Forty-four remain undecided.

Pretty impressive, isn't it? I asked Jon Lantz, head football coach, for the reasons.

"What most people don't realize is that now that we are NCAA and under Proposition 48, the minimum guidelines for us to bring a student in to play football are higher than the minimum guidelines of the actual college," Lantz said. "The kids have to have an 18 on their ACT just to get them in here for all sports, not just football."

"We are consequently getting a better cut of student academically, and we have less a chance of failure because those problems are solved from the get-go."

Well, well, well, some of those speeches are true after all. Maybe I should have kept with it. Oh, well, sign me up for the cheering section.

Lady Lions build speed for playoffs

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite the Lady Lions' 27-3 record and No. 9 national ranking, Pat Lipira has no illusions about the schedule ahead.

"I think this weekend's tournament (Central Missouri State University Invitational) will be tougher than conference," said Lipira, head softball coach. "There are going to be some outstanding teams there."

Southern will head into the CMSU Invitational with some momentum. The Lady Lions won their own U.S. Cellular Classic last weekend and defeated Pittsburg State University 1-0 and Southwest Baptist University 6-1 Tuesday at Lea Kungie Field.

Lipira said last weekend's tournament is a good indication of how Southern may fare in the MIAA post-season tournament.

"Of the three top teams in the North Division (of the MIAA), none made it to the final six," she said. "That looks good for our chances."

The conference tournament includes the top four teams from each MIAA division. Currently, Southern sits atop the South Division with a perfect 7-0 record. The Lady Lions are 9-0 in the MIAA.

"We still have two weekends to go until the [MIAA] final eight tournament," Lipira said. "We want to go undefeated in conference in order to

get a good seed."

To accomplish their goal, Lipira says the Lady Lions need to keep doing the things that have made them successful so far this season.

"Our pitching and defense has really shut people down," she said. "We are just not allowing very many runs."

According to Lipira, the team's game is strong, but there is room for improvement.

"The one area we can work on is hitting with runners in scoring position," she said. "Any time you get an opportunity in softball to score, you need to take advantage of it and score."

Lipira also will call on her mound staff to keep others from scoring against Southern.

"Come conference and post-season tournament time, I'll look at which pitcher has done what against a particular team," she said. "For instance, Andrea Clarke has not allowed a run against PSU all year."

Clarke, a freshman, and Cheryl Kopf, a junior, haven't allowed many teams to score. Clarke boasts a 16-3 record while Kopf is 11-0 following a three-hit performance Tuesday against SBU.

The Lady Lions will travel to Jackson, Mo., Tuesday for contests against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Southeast Missouri State University, and Missouri-Rolla.

SWINGING AWAY



Junior outfielder Krissy Konkol fouls off a pitch Friday in the Lady Lions/U.S. Cellular Classic at Kungie Field. Missouri Southern went 6-0 in the two-day tournament that featured three pools and 12 teams.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Lions look to get physical

Football team starts spring training drills

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a 4-5 finish last fall, the football Lions have looked to build a more physical attitude during spring drills.

"Offensively we're trying to be more physical and less of a finesse-type football team," said Jon Lantz, head coach. "I want the whole team to get more physical."

Although spring drills only have been going on for two weeks, Lantz already can see improvement in several areas.

He estimated the Lions were further along at this point in the spring than a year ago and probably better than at the beginning of last fall.

Southern as well as other NCAA Division II teams have the added bonus of being able to practice this season in full pads after the NCAA law was repealed last season.

Lantz also can see improvement in some of his specific players. "I think [sophomore linebacker] Tony Hughes is the most improved player I have seen so far this spring. [Sophomore defensive tackle] Jay Pride, [sophomore linebacker]

Greg Prosak, and [freshman linebacker] Ron Burton have become some of our top defensive players."

After competing for two seasons in the MIAA with relatively young teams, Lantz says maturity will be a major factor next fall.

"Our players are all a year older and more mature," he said. "They are also much more intense and serious with the outlook toward the game. They seem to be hungrier, and I believe they are on more of a mission."

Possibly the player who will have the greatest impact on the team next fall is not able to practice this spring. Sophomore Marques Rodgers will be teaming up with junior running back Cleon Burrell to form the ground attack for the Lions.

"Marques isn't practicing with us right now," said Lantz. "He is a part-time student, so he will be eligible by next fall. He is enrolled in our weight program right now, and on paper he's got the numbers to produce."

Rodgers is 6-foot-3 and weighs 235 pounds. His 380-pound bench press and 305-pound power clean put him among the team leaders in weight lifting. He also can run the 40 in 4.55 seconds.

"He is a big 'if' right now that won't be answered until next fall," Lantz said. "Who knows if he can

take a hit—he hasn't carried the ball for five years. I'd bet next month's paycheck that he could, though."

Southern will open its 1991 football season on Sept. 7 by playing Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

"Even though Cameron had a losing record last year, they could have come into our conference and battled for the conference championship. Their conference is so competitive," said Lantz.

The Lions will travel to Portland State University on Sept. 14 to play one of the top teams in NCAA Division I-AA. They will follow that game by hosting Central Missouri State in an MIAA game the following week.

Lantz expects pre-season polls to rank CMSU just below Pittsburg State University in the conference.

"It would be easier to compare Portland to Southwest Missouri State than to contrast them to us. They are on a different level," said Lantz. "Our first three games will dictate a lot about the rest of our season. It would be a great accomplishment for our team if we finished the first three weeks 2-1."

The Lions will be competing in another scrimmage Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Runners place high in PSU track meet

BY NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

During Friday's Pittsburg State University Relays, Missouri Southern runners dominated several events, taking more first-place finishes than the team has in the past.

"Overall it was a good meet for the men and women," said Tom Rutledge, track coach.

The Lady Lions took fourth out of 11 teams, trailing PSU, Northeast Oklahoma, and Emporia State.

"I was very pleased with the women's effort," said Rutledge.

Debbie Williams earned a provisional qualifying time in the 400-meter, placing first (56.12). She also won the 800 (2:19).

Brenda Booth took first in the 5,000 (19:29) and third in the 3,000 (11:29). Donna Boleksi captured first in the 10,000 (38:09), and Tamerlee Schuessler beat the conference champ in the discus, taking first place (137 feet).

The men's squad placed fifth overall out of 14 teams, trailing PSU, Butler County Community College, Northeastern Oklahoma, and Coffeyville Community College.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Kern Sorrell and Joe Wood took first and second, respectively (9:37, 10:01), followed by fifth-place Jamie Nofsinger (10:22).

An injury-plagued Jon Hatley took third in the 5,000 (15:50), followed by fourth-place Jason Riddle (16:13) and fifth-place Wood (16:22).

Hatley was sidelined during the indoor season due to a knee injury. "It got so bad that I couldn't train, so I had to start doing rehabilitation workouts," he said.

"I feel like I'm getting some tone back in my legs. For awhile I felt like I didn't have any power."

Despite the setback, Hatley still hopes to have a shot at nationals this season.

"I'm hoping to be able to qualify for regionals and nationals," he said. "I've got a long way to go."

In the 1,500 meter, Riddle took third (3:58), followed by Hatley (ninth, 4:13). In the 10,000-meter, Eddie Avelar took first and Allen Moss was second.

Southern will host its first college-level home meet of the season Saturday.

Tennis team improves record to 11-3 with last three wins

With its record now standing at an impressive 11-3, the much-improved Lady Lions tennis team heads into today's home match against John Brown University with confidence.

In the past week, the team has handed defeat to Central Missouri State University, Southwest Baptist University, and Drury College. The only setback came at the hands of Lincoln University, one of four teams picked in the pre-season to contend for the MIAA title.

The most recent win came at Drury, where the Lady Lions came up 6-3 victors. No. 1 Sarah Poole and No. 2 Melissa Woods paced the

squad, winning both singles and teaming for the doubles win.

In singles, Poole beat Drury's Natalie Schiller 6-0, 6-0, while Woods downed Laura Sapp 7-5, 6-2.

Southern's other victories came in No. 5 singles, with Maria Curry topping Jennifer Kerr 7-6, 6-4; No. 6 singles with Angie Mayberry beating Julie Michael 6-4, 6-0. No. 3 Diane Hoch and No. 5 Phillis Woods both lost. Curry and Woods also lost their doubles match, only their second doubles setback this season.

Despite a forecast for rain, the Lady Lions are set to host John Brown University, starting at 3 p.m. today on the MSSC courts.

Golfers falter in second round

Missouri Southern's grudge with the Tan-Tar-A Oaks golf course continues.

Southern golfers finished the first round of the Missouri Intercollegiate Tournament Monday afternoon with a 318, only six strokes off the pace. The second round proved more frustrating, however, as Southern's score ballooned to a 342 and dropped the Lions to a fifth-place finish.

"We just blew it," said Bill Cox, head coach. "We were right in the thick of it after the first round, but

two of my better golfers shot a 96 and a 94 on Tuesday that took us right out of it. With any kind of a second round, we could have won the thing."

Southern finished the tournament with a 660, 17 strokes behind first-place Central State University. Central State was followed by Southwest Baptist University, 652; Washburn University, 657; and Pittsburg State University, 659.

The short game that gave Southern problems last week still was off,

but according to Cox, course conditions may have played a role.

"The greens weren't in the best of shape," he said. "They never really are this time of year. The greens were putting slow, and that may have affected our game, but everyone had to contend with the wind and greens."

The team's next challenge will be the Heart of America Tournament Saturday and Sunday in Warrensburg. Cox is hopeful the team will overcome its problems by then.

BLACK and WHITE

Tensions exist at College

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Violence between blacks and whites has existed for hundreds of years in the United States. Though racial tensions have improved, they are far from forgotten.

At Missouri Southern, whites comprise 97 percent of the population, with the other 3 percent consisting of all the minority groups on campus.

This ratio makes for uneasy feelings between some blacks and whites. Sometimes, those feelings can turn into violence.

"In 1986, when I was a freshman, everybody—blacks and whites—was a lot closer," said Keith "Beef" Brown, senior psychology and criminal justice major and president of the Black Collegians. "Now blacks, for the most part, hang with blacks, and whites hang with whites. There is just more of a definite line drawn."

Brown also said Southern had a larger population of blacks on campus at the time, possibly 70 to 80. He now estimates the figure to be half of that.

According to College data, however, there were 45 full- and part-time black students at Southern in the fall of 1986. In the fall of 1990, that number had increased to 66.

Much to the surprise of some College officials, there are numerous accounts of racial violence on and off campus that go unreported and are seldom discussed.

There have been several accounts of off-campus Southern parties turning into brawls. The incidents almost always involve drunk students, with name calling preceding punches.

Whether they start out or end racial in nature, the confrontations almost always turn into black versus white, students say.

"There is no good reason for anybody to act that way," said Brown. "It just seems like something happens at one party one week and that just carries over to the next and the next."

He agrees that a lot of the initial problems arise from name calling.

"When you are called a 'nigger,' you will remember who called you that and who that person is," Brown said. "Then when a fight does break out, it always looks like the blacks started it."

Other blacks on campus have different ideas on what sets tempers off at parties.

"A lot of it has to do with the two cultures just being different," said Kevin Hooks, junior communications major. "There aren't too many black girls on campus, so we sometimes approach white girls. A lot of jealousy arises between us and the white guys when we do that. That's where a lot of the fights start."

Hook's statement is verified by College figures. In the fall of 1990 there were only 15 black females on campus, compared to 51 black males.

Brown finds himself in an uncomfortable situation when a fight does break out in his presence.

"I am in a tough situation because I have a lot of friends who are white and a lot who are black. If I tell a 'brother' to cool it and back off, I am siding with the whites. If I do the same to the white guy, I am just siding with the 'brothers'."

"Whenever I see one (a fight) about to start, I usually just get out

of the room so I won't have to deal with it either way."

When these incidents do happen, it sometimes seems the blacks willing to fight outnumber the whites. Hooks refers to it as "an unwritten rule that if one black guy gets into a fight, even if you don't know him that well, you are ready to jump in and help."

"Since we are such a minority at most parties, we feel like we have to do that," Hooks said.

Brown says discrimination exists not only among some students, but has filtered into certain members of the Southern faculty.

"I think several professors have their favorites in the classroom," he said. "When you write a paper and you compare how it was graded to how white students' papers were graded, you see that they are sometimes a little pickier on ours."

Some instructors claim, however, that is highly unlikely.

"I would hope that wouldn't be the case," said Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications. "I haven't heard of any cases like that. The only explanation I could think of is if they (blacks) grew up using some form of non-standard language which carried over into their writing. Even native Americans and international students would have problems in that area."

Neither Brown nor Hooks see any signs of racial tensions getting smoother in the immediate future.

"There has been such a dividing line drawn now that I don't ever see everybody being as close as they used to be," Brown said. "People just need to remember that friendship has no color."

A SOCIAL TABOO?



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Mark Montgomery, freshman criminal justice major, and Angela Shepard, freshman, represent a growing trend at Missouri Southern: interracial dating. The stigma has brought some difficulty for the pair.

Southern couple faces repercussions of interracial dating

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Perhaps the biggest taboo still to be accepted by the majority of people in different races is the idea of miscegenation—sexual relations between members of different races.

The marriage or cohabitation between persons of different races, but especially between white and non-white persons, is becoming more accepted, but through history it has always been a point of much racial turmoil.

Before and after the Civil War laws in many states forbid miscegenation between whites and blacks. These laws arose from the fear of "destroying the racial purity" of either of the two races. Many of

these antiquated laws stayed on the legal books until well into the 20th century, especially in some southern states.

As is the case in most aspects of racial discrimination, acceptance of interracial dating and marriage has increased over the past several years. Witnessing an interracial couple on the sidewalk no longer causes most people to stop and stare.

The vast majority of all interracial couples consist, for whatever reason, of a black male and a white female. There are numerous couples of this type at Missouri Southern and colleges and communities around the nation. Couples of the opposite make-up, a white male and a black female, are less common but still have the same acceptance problems from society.

"White guys are all I have ever dated," said freshman Angela Shepard, who is black. "Mainly the people who give me the most trouble about who I date are black guys. When I first got here to Southern it was exactly the same thing. Now they understand."

Shepard recalls many difficult situations while dating in high school.

"I was going out with one boy in high school whose mother said that going out with me, because I am black, was as bad as doing drugs," said Shepard. "She was worried about what other people would think. She even threatened divorce with my boyfriend's dad if he didn't set his foot down and stop us from going out."

Since arriving at Missouri South-

ern, Shepard met freshman criminal justice major Mark Montgomery, and they have been dating for more than a month. Montgomery, like Shepard's former boyfriend, is white.

"I met Angela at a party a few months ago," said Montgomery. "I had never gone out with a black girl before, but there were several black girls at my high school who I had gotten very close to."

Montgomery, a graduate of Raytown High School near Kansas City, says most of his problems originate from students of his own race.

"There have been some white guys here at school who have been giving me a lot of trouble," he said. "I have been close to getting into a couple of fights since we have started going out. There were three guys

down in the Lions' Den who were giving me a lot of trouble recently."

Montgomery found a quick solution to the problem.

"I just went upstairs and found some of the 'brothers' and told them we had some racist fellas downstairs. After they talked to them, the white guys had no problem."

The couple's parents have differing views on their children's relationship.

"My mom and dad don't care at all," said Montgomery. "As long as I am happy they don't care."

One of Shepard's parents is agreeable to the couples' going out, but the other still is very conservative.

"My parents are the biggest problem right now," said Shepard. "My mom loves Mark; my dad on the other hand just sees a white guy trying to use his daughter."

Montgomery sees his new relationship as more than just another boy-girl couple.

"I have learned a lot more about people and how they perceive things," said Montgomery. "When I went home over spring break and told some of my friends, a lot of them envied my courage to go out with a black girl. A lot of them wished they had the courage to do that."

"I just don't care what other people think. Angela is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

Shepard sees the idea of miscegenation still a long way from becoming an accepted practice.

"It's going to take a long time," she said. "You still hear people talking about keeping the races pure when none of them are really pure at all."

Collegians offers support for freshmen

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

When black students come to southwest Missouri after living their entire lives in Kansas City, Tulsa, or St. Louis, culture shock could be an understatement.

After living among what usually is a black majority, they find themselves outnumbered by white stu-

dents and living in a white majority of the state.

In an attempt to come together as a group and offer support to each other, the Black Collegians were formed in 1986.

"It was founded mostly to bring the black student body population together," said Keith "Beef" Brown, president and founding member.

"Most of the blacks at Southern are not from around here; they are from

big cities. Having a group like this is just a way that we can all get together and talk."

Since its inception, the Black Collegians has seen many students become active in the group. But as they become more accustomed to Southern, many start to break away from the organization.

"We have around 10 strong members," said Brown. "We have a long list of other people in the club, but

some are less active than others."

One member of the Collegians who found the friendly atmosphere to his liking was junior communications major Kevin Hooks, who came from Tulsa in 1988.

"For me, joining the Black Collegians was almost a symbolic gesture," said Hooks. "The main thing for me, in joining the Collegians, was just to remember my blackness and be around others who wanted the same thing."

Although members of the Black Collegians do get to communicate with each other about the difficulties they have had dealing with the new environment, it doesn't change the fact that they are a small minority in this corner of the state.

"All my friends in Tulsa tried to instill in my mind how it was down here," said Hooks. "They talked about this being a little country community and how there wouldn't be hardly any blacks here. It hasn't been as bad as they say in some areas, but in others it has been accurate in respect to the way we are sometimes treated."

Brown acknowledges the fact that it sometimes is an uncomfortable community for a black student, without other black friends to live and study with.

"It's known that this is a prejudiced

Black Students at MSSC

SEMESTER	FULL		PART		SUBTOTAL		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Fall 1990	46	7	5	8	51	15	66
Fall 1988	30	9	8	2	38	11	49
Fall 1986	26	10	6	3	32	13	45

area, but in some ways it is getting better," said Brown. "It was really bad in town when I first attended here in 1986. You would walk into a restaurant and people would give you a pretty dirty look. It has gotten somewhat better in that respect."

Brown says the need for the Black Collegians really comes from the attitudes ingrained in some white students by their parents.

"The blacks have always been susceptible to a lot of racial attitudes, but usually it's not so much the kids as it is the way the parents raised them," said Brown.

The racial attitudes present at Missouri Southern are not unlike those at other colleges this size and locale.

"Sure I see a problem at Missouri Southern, but it's not a problem that isn't everywhere else," said Hooks. "You can see a difference in every generation as far as racial attitudes are concerned."

Hooks contends that the Black Collegians might help some black

students who come to Southern with an already defensive attitude.

"I think when some black students get here to Southern they have a chip on their shoulder," he said. "They have heard the stories of the small town attitudes, and they are almost looking for somebody to knock that chip off."

Even though the club was founded with the first-year black student in mind, any black student is welcome.

"It is a positive situation for incoming freshmen," said Brown. "Grade classification doesn't mean anything, though. If you have good ideas for the group, we would love to have you join."

This being Brown's senior year, he is concerned about the continuation of the Black Collegians next year.

"We have a lot of freshmen this year," he said. "I am going to meet with them before I graduate and try to give them the initiative to keep the Black Collegians going. I think it is important for everyone."

DISHIN' IT UP



Chart File Photo

Keith "Beef" Brown, founder of the Black Collegians, works the grill for a past cookout at Webster Hall.